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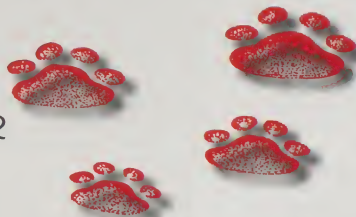
Top Left to Right: Head Principal Phillip Apple, sophomores Clara Wieczorek and Angela Boezeman, tailgaters at the Powder Puff game, seniors Elizabeth Tilley and Lauren Leegwater, seniors Brittany Coffey and Jordan Murphy, Homecoming fireworks, seniors Nathan Leath and James Guerrero and the Varsity cheerleaders.

# Kankakee Valley High School

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# EXPLORED: Our School Uncovered

Security awareness topped our collective consciousness with plenty of new faces and a few new restrictions. Students were issued ID's that had to be worn to show the legality of being in the school and allow access to the library. "I don't like the ID's because they are annoying and they get in your way all the time," said sophomore Amber Plummer.

Students were also given an assignment book that KAD (Kougar Activity Day) teachers checked every Tuesday and Thursday. These assignment books also gave students limited passes to use the bathrooms, go to the nurse, their lockers, etc. Junior Danielle Donaldson commented, "I liked the new assignment books. They helped me stay more organized."

United States History teacher Mrs. Pat Price was diagnosed with breast cancer during first semester and underwent surgery and continued chemo therapy.

During halftime on Homecoming night the school celebrates with their yearly fireworks show which contained vibrant sparks of many colors. "I like the fireworks because they are pretty cool; they are bright and they look nice," commented sophomore Louise Magiera.



We are now a part of the Northwest Crossroads Conference. Girls swimming gained a new team member, state bound senior Mai Linn Hanslien, an exchange student from Norway. "A lot of what they do here was different from home, but I loved it. There is so much team spirit, and we all had so much fun together," said Hanslien.

Cross Country obtained Mr. Lane Lewallen and Mr. Timothy Adams as their new coaches. Wrestling also gained Mr. Tom Dellahan as the new replacement head coach. "We were more of a team because of Coach Dellahan. He has opened up so much to us. When he first came in he was real reserved about coaching wrestling. However, he gained a lot of confidence in himself and us, and it can only improve," said sophomore Nathan Ooms.

Behind every door there were stories and changes that helped move Kougar forward.





At the Homecoming game, students scream, laugh, talk and cheer for the team in the 'Students Only' section of the bleachers. Everyone was excited by the resurrection of the Kougars Krazies.

Freshman Kirstin Wireman nibbles on her ID while relaxing on the couch in Mrs. Kingma's room. ID's were newly implemented for the 2007-2008 school year.



Fall cheerleaders crowd around the school mascot as they perform before the Homecoming football game. Homecoming game was a success at a 36-7 win.



Escort Daniel  
Hudspeth and  
Homecoming  
Queen Jessica  
Bryson



Seniors Katelyn Paikos and Alexa Murray

**By: Morgan Myers  
and  
Samantha Hoak**

# SPIRIT WEEK



"My favorite part of spirit week is everything about it. The school activities, dress up days, Powder Puff, the pep-session, and Homecoming makes spirit week the best week of the school year," said Senior Joshua Fifield. Joshua was painted for the game.

Freshmen Tiffany Conley, Natalie Henning, and Jordan Morse smile as they stick pennies in the freshman penny bank. At the end of the week, the pennies were counted and the freshmen won the penny wars.

Walking down the hallway, senior Julie Dykstra and juniors Amy Dykstra and Miranda Gonzales strut their creative stuff in their homemade outfits for duct tape day. Junior Amy Dykstra was the creator of the three outfits for her cousin Julie and friend Miranda.



Dressed up eerie for the lip sync, seniors Nathan Leath, Jonathan Torbitt, Taylar Scott, Sarah Brown, Felicia Fahey, Hannah Sparks, James Guerrero, and Eric Alvarado strike a fierce pose before stepping out to perform for the spirit stick. At the end of the class contest, the senior's lip sync won.







**EEKIE** hallway decorations, **SPOOKY** costumes, **MUMMY** wrap races and a gym full of students **CHEERING** for their class to come out on top!

●Homecoming spirit week started off with a bang! Dress-up days filled the hallways with spirit.

●Dress-up days consisted of Monday as pajama day, Tuesday as jersey/super fan day, Wednesday as costume/mask day, Thursday as duct tape day, and Friday as school spirit day.

●Spirit week wouldn't have been the same without the fourth hour activities. As always there were penny wars and the spam carving contest. Blowing a bubble with a half-stick of gum, pinning the nose on the pumpkin, racing to wrap a mummy or getting your face painted on Friday. All the action led up to the big game on October 5.

●Freshman's lip sync performance used "The Monster Mash", sophomores choreographed "Can't Touch This", junior's song was "Crank Dat" and the seniors danced to "Rama Lamma (Bang Bang)".

●Class of '08 came out on top, A crowd of screaming seniors circled the spirit stick in the center of the gym floor.



During their lunch period sophomores Brianna Yarchan and Kimberly Luedtke try to talk their friends into doing the fourth hour activities. Yarchan and Luedtke were dressed-up for costume day.

During the Friday pep session, seniors Zachary Adams, William Recker, and Matthew Simmons wrap up their favorite football coach, Mr. Mike Peo, in toilet paper. The mummy wrap was an activity for the senior football players.



## BEHIND THE FEAR

"I had my face painted to support the class of 2010 and because our sophomore class rocks. I really enjoyed the pep session." Randa's face was painted for the class spirit competition.



"My favorite part of the lip sync was coming up with the dance. It was really fun to mix up different moves and create something that looked good."

By: Alexa Murray

# HOME COMING



"Winning queen was the most amazing experience! I felt totally ecstatic! I also felt such gratitude to the seniors who voted for me! I can't thank them enough. The dance was a lot of fun, too! The whole week was such a blast!" said senior Jessica Bryson.

After being painted red and black and spelling out KOUYGARS on their stomachs for the game, junior Matthew DeFries, sophomore Jacob Patzschke, senior Clayton Prairie, and junior Ryan Kildert cheer on their team. It took the boys about an hour to paint their bodies for the game.



Court Row one: Juniors Andrew Matson, Pamela Zuchowski, sophomores Samuel Capouch, Marissa Butler, seniors Derek Van derMolen, Lauren Leegwater, Daniel Hudspeth, and Queen Jessica Bryson  
Row two: seniors Cameron Lovely, Jillian Conley, Jacob Watts, Jillian Kolb, freshmen Andrew Neihoff, and Danielle Lovely



Immediately following the snap, the offensive line charges to push through the Trojans defensive line for a first down. Trojans were defeated 35-7.

By: Alexa Murray







**SCREAMING** Kougar fans, Homecoming court girls dressed TO THE NINES, and a Kougar football team ready for ACTION!

- Homecoming night began on October 5 when the football team ran through a long tunnel of screaming fans who released colorful balloons.
- Shortly after, the Marching Band took the field. As the crowd rose, the band played the "Star Spangled Banner."
- Fireworks filled the sky as the Homecoming court rode past the bleachers in convertibles and walked to the track.
- Teresa and Char Groet were the Grand Marshals for Homecoming night.
- Mr. Phillip Apple crowned senior Jessica Bryson as Homecoming queen.
- Homecoming game ended 36-7 in a win against the Highland Trojans.
- After the game there was celebration at the dance which hosted everyone to a theme of a Haunted Halloween.
- Decorations included spiders and bats hanging from the ceiling in streamers. The eerie mood was set with a fog machine in the background of the pictures.



Getting ready to hand balloons out to fans, sophomores Stephani Williams and Kendra Armstrong pose for a picture. Cheerleaders spent the night cheering "We're here to beat the Trojans" and "Go Big Red."

Senior Matthew Simmons jumps through the Homecoming banner. The traditional tunnel that led to the banner was filled with balloon-holding students.



*Sophomore Erin Hoffman*



## BEHIND THE SCENES

"I was so excited to go to the Homecoming game. There were so many hyped fans that it was a struggle to find a parking space, but I would've parked on Route 10 if I had to. In between playing school songs to get the crowd wild, we watched the competitive game in front of us."

"My best memory from Homecoming night was cheering for our team with my friends. I love screaming and dancing to songs like "Big Red." Everyone was so energetic and just having a great time!"

# POWDER PUFF

**Excitement** in the air as competition rises, crazy players and fans scream for victory, and anticipation grows.

● In the middle of the high tension week, Powder Puff girls played in front of a crowd of over 1,500 fans on Fred Jones Field.

● Seniors, who also won as juniors 36-7, beat the class of '09 46-22.

● Seniors tied the offensive point record for Powder Puff with the class of '06, who won 46-0 in the '05 game.

● "Junior girls exceeded my expectations. I'm proud of how well they played and their sportsmanship," said Assistant Coach Jeff Moolenaar.

● Senior Jillian Conley scored the first touchdown of the night with a 50 yard run.

● Just before the second quarter, junior Elise Jolink gained the first goal with a 22 yard run.

● "Winning as both Juniors and Seniors takes a very special team. I'm thankful for their work and dedication," said senior Head Coach Kevin Kaluf assisted by Coach Matt Bristol.



Seniors Row 1: Tara Deeter, Tonya Brockway, Samantha Tinglof, Allisha Sonntag, Carissa Day, Amanda O'Neal, Jessica Bryson, Detra Wood, Kelsey Allen, Page Walczak, Jessica Schultz, Brittany Colfer, Jordan Murphy, Alexa Murray, Megan Bishop, Jessica Dehning, Holly Kampenga Row 2: Christina Kittle, Vitalia Fregoso, Taylor Scott, Heather Marianowski, Lauren Hale, Danielle Mullen, Sarah Brown, Cortnie McLellan, Brooke Mathis, Brianna Patton, Marissa Tillema, Julia Holm-Hansen, Morgan Myers, Lindsay Seegers, Alyssa Ruthaly, Krystal Higerson Row 3: Mai Hanstien, Jennifer Bullard, Hannah Sparks, Katrina VanderWoude, Corinne Janavich, Nicole Kerner, Melissa Roldan, Julie Dykstra, Devon Southard, Angella VizaCumpa, Michelle Dahn, Nicole Henning, Jasmine Glab Row 4: Kevin Kaluf, Jamie Rios, Allie Collins, Lindsey Skratsky, Tasha Jones, Lauren Leegwater, Brittney Smiejek, Jillian Conley, Jillian Kolb, Elizabeth Tilley, Lindsay Sittma, Matt Bristol, Victoria Murray, Candy Miller Wood



As she sees senior defense closing in, junior Elise Jolink pulls up. Seniors had just pulled her flag when Jolink realized that she was too late.

Right: In anticipation of the next play, seniors Brianna Patton and Danielle Mullen stare down at the football. "The intensity and the excitement behind the game pumped us all up," said Patton.



Cheering wildly after winning, senior Samantha Tinglof celebrates with the Senior team and fans. Tinglof said, "The best part was winning as a junior and senior and getting so close to breaking a record. The Powder Puff games were highlights that I'll always remember."

Left: Junior and senior girls go head to head as they line up for the next play. Juniors Taylor Anderson and Taylor VanVuren braced themselves to hold their line as senior Brianna Patton dared them for more.



Juniors Row 1: Ashlie Collins, Abigail Jones, Kourtney Frieden, Amy Dykstra, Paige Hardin, Whitney Gladdis, Ashley Gudorf, Abby Tognarelli, Jessica Middleton, Chantal Huff, Jennifer Perov, Alexandria Kirshner Row 2: Lauren Gilmore, Nicolette Scally, Megan Ganzeveld, Samantha Vargas, Ashley Ganzeveld, Jessica Higerson, Taylor VanVuren, Lauren Wierzb, Brittany Heerema, Trisha Poisel, Amanda Villalpando, Amanda Peters, Stephanie Cambe, Cayla Hensel Row 3: Erica Helms Lauren Hamstra, Theresa Srebalus, Miranda Steele, Heather Anderson, Miranda Gonzales, Kaylie Fritts, Heather McMillan, Taylor Anderson, Ashley Vankley, Kaitlyn Howard, Amanda Colbert, Elise Jolink, Megan Axtell, Chelsea Hensel, Candace Leegwater, Kyresten Tompkins

By: Felicia Faney



In the Pre-engineering class, freshman Nicholas Bobis works on a three dimensional project. He made separate parts and then used constraints to assemble the object.

Far Right: As their bridge is tested for how much weight it can handle, sophomores John Rawlings and Marissa Butler watch anxiously to see if they can beat the class winner of 147 pounds.

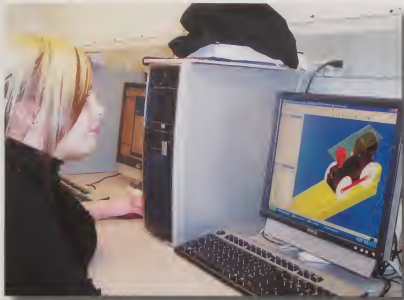




While in Digital Electronics, junior Drew Cisar works on a bread board simulator. On the bread board he simulates parallel circuitry.

Sophomore Adrienne Saunders creates a three dimensional train in Introduction to Engineering. The train was made with an assembly feature. Once it was finished, the train was animated to move around a train track.

# Project Lead The Way



**P**roject Lead The Way (PLTW) screams success with 80-90% of the four year students opting to go into the field of Engineering or Engineering Technology. Since 2002 when teacher Mr. Kevin Kaluf attended a seminar at Portage High School, where he first heard about the PLTW program, to 2008, the KV program has grown to over 140 students in six different courses. From its first graduates in 06, students have grown from wide eyed eager freshmen to seniors ready for college engineering. "Project Lead The Way has helped me to discover what engineering is about and what to expect" said senior Jacob Watts. In 2003 Mr. Kaluf asked Mr. DJ Sterrett to teach additional courses. Dr. Sterrett developed Digital Electronics and

Below Left: As the mill drill bit cuts through the hard wax square of a Computer-Integrated Manufacturing project, seniors Sarah Brown and Jessica Dehning watch intently. This is one of the important final steps to finishing a design project.

While adjusting the robot arm, Steven Colbert has to be extremely focused. People waited patiently as he programmed the arm to move and stack blocks.



## Biotechnology Engineering.

In order to be in the program, students were required to be in their grade appropriate level math class and maintain a C in the PTLW class. College credits required a 70% on a Rochester Institute of Technology exam. One interesting thing that Mr. Kevin Kaluf pushed for in April was choosing a few students from the Introduction to Engineering and Design (IED) class who participated in a state design contest. In the last four years these teams have received three first places and one second place finish. Trevor Williams said, "My favorite part about the pre-engineering class is drawing things on Inventor." This was just one favorite in this intensely competitive and enriching dual credit program.

# CAUGHT RED-H

In class, many students found it tiresome, boring, or even redundant to listen to their teachers for almost an hour straight. So this is the place where all those late-night partygoers, slackers, rule breakers, or anyone else doing something amusing during class time showed up.

There were a wide range of ways to pass class time, both while the teacher was actually trying to work, and while the class just had some down time to kill. From cell phones to sleeping, or reading to sticking the foil from gum wrappers on calculators, the activities were highly entertaining for all of the parties involved.

Senior Victoria Murray said, "I tin-foiled my calculator because it is better than sleeping through class. It took about 10 wrappers and 3-4 school days to complete, then some Elmer's glue and water to keep them from peeling off."



Nicole Kerner, a senior, gets caught red-handed while texting in Mr. Paul Norwine's government class. Despite the cell phone ban, texting behind purses, books or desks was a common occurrence for many students in the school.

Senior Nicole Henning reads a Cosmopolitan magazine during Mrs. Kathy Eckert's second hour Honors English 11/12 class. Nicole enjoyed her magazines during class as often as she enjoyed talking to her friends.

By: Morgan Myers





# ANDED



During Mr. Paul Norwine's government class, senior Victoria Murray spends her time peeling colored foil off gum wrappers to stick to her calculator lid.

With a dull look after just being woken up, junior Jonathan Carter spends his time in fifth hour Study Hall where he alternates between sleeping and zoning out.



In Mr. Paul Norwine's fourth hour Government class, senior John Yokovich catches a quick cat nap. He was hoping that sleeping on his book would help him pass the test. "I just really wish I had a hammock," said Yokovich.

Reading a manga in Mr. Dennis Sterrett's fifth hour class, freshman Justin Bassett kicks back in his chair. Bassett was often seen reading anime and manga.

While in fifth hour Study Hall, junior Craig Antkowiak takes a well-needed nap during a movie. He had just been tapped awake when the picture was snapped.





# EXTREME SPORTS

Senior Jonathon Yokovich

Below Right: Canoeing down a river in Indiana, Benjamin's father Robert and seniors Craig Curtis, Benjamin Erwin and Chester Magiera take advantage of the calm waters. It was a chilly day, but everyone had fun...until they realized the bottom leaked.

On an ATV, freshman Jacob Erwin spends his day plowing the freshly fallen snow outside his home. Jacob eventually hooked up a sled to the ATV to get in some sledding before dark that night with his brother Benjamin and family. Senior Benjamin Erwin said, "I like to go sledding around my yard and the surrounding fields. My grandpa and grandma also live close, so we go on their property where we can get a lot of big drifts and hills."



Besides the usual academic activities, clubs, and interests, some students ventured out and enjoyed life on the wild side with some seriously extreme sports. These sports weren't the usual basketball, soccer, tennis, or swimming. Instead, water skiing, snowboarding, snow skiing, motocross, ATV racing, skateboarding, biking, paintballing and car racing filled up busy students' days.

With all of these activities, students achieved a natural high not found in textbooks or conventional school sports. They got outside and enjoyed life on the edge. Senior Craig Curtis, recently converted from skiing to snow-

boarding, commented, "Snowboarding was fun because you got to hang out with your friends, freeze to death in the snow, and get beat up from falling so much." However, snowboarding and other snow activities covered only one season of the year.

Senior Andrew Prentoski was an avid ATV rider and racer. "I got interested in racing by attending a local race and watching some people I know. I entered my first race when I was about 13, and it all pretty much took off from there," said Prentoski. During the spring, summer and fall Prentoski and friends like seniors Jonathon Yokovich and Cameron Lovely could be found outside hitting the dirt, mud and grass trails and tracks made just for ATVs.



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Senior Cameron Lovely rides his father's dirtbike. Cameron could regularly be seen riding his bike at his home and out with his friends.



Hitting the slopes on his snowboard is senior Craig Curtis. Craig was a newbie to the snowboarding world, but had the hang of it after only a few falls as attested to by the snow on his coat.





# EXPOSED\*



Senior Joshua Fife



Band and Spirit Guard



Junior Powder Puff Team



Seniors Steven Arlandson And Thomas Ramsey



Senior Brittany Coffey



Crowd at the Homecoming Game

\*People are defined as the body of enfranchised citizens of a state. Teens at Kankakee Valley have always changed from year to year, but the spirit gained has always remained and caught on from class to class to create a unique Kougar fingerprint.

# Seniors enlighten lives through Super Sidekicks

## Zachary Adams

Football 11,12 Decathlon Team 9,10

## Danielle Alcorn

Sunshine 12 Drama 9 KK 9 Yearbook 11 Mirage 9,10

## Kelsey Allen

Sunshine 9,10 SADD 9,10 Sports manager 9 Softball

9,10,11,12 Powder Puff 11,12 Golf 9,10,11,12 SSS 12

## Eric Alvarado



## Delia Arizmendi

## Steven Arlandson

Drama 12 BPOA 12 SSS 12

## Jonathan Armstrong

FFA 9

## Joseph Barcelli

Wrestling 9,10,11,12



## Zachary Barker

Newspaper 12

## Megan Bishop

Sunshine 9,11,12 KK 9 Powder Puff 11,12 SSS 12

## Daniel Blanton

## Ryan Boezeman



## Peggy Boufis

Student of the month 9,10

## Jacob Bristol

## Tonya Brockway

Sunshine 9,10,11 FFA 9 Drama 9 KK 9 Swimming

9,10,11,12 Softball 9 Powder Puff 11,12 SSS 12

## Sarah Brown

Sports Manager 10,11,12 Powder Puff 11,12 Art 9 NHS

10,11,12 Class Officer 11 Student Council 11,12 FLC

10,11,12 Basketball 9 Prom Committee 11 SSS 12



Class Of 2008

Life is short as smiles  
Julie Dykstra

Life is an Ocean Sail it  
- Amanda Lopez

Take the Highway  
- Craig Curtis





John Laski



Brittany Mann, Alexa Murray, Laura Myers



Savannah Miller

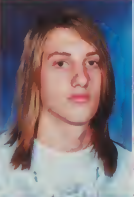
# Seniors

*Try your hardest and you will be justified in the end*  
—Chadwick Bays

Dominating at Powder Puff and winning the spirit stick two years in a row were two unforgettable memories for the 230 members of the Class of

'08. Led by Micah Raebel, seniors chose red and white carnations and red and black robes for the June 8 Graduation. Class motto was "We are

created with our own fingerprint to make our own unique mark on the world." Sponsors were Mrs. Pat Price and Mrs. Kristi Slaby.



## Jessica Bryson

Sunshine 9,11 Drama 9,10,11,12 SADD 12 Pathfinders 12 KK 9,12 Yearbook 11 Powder Puff 12 Art 11 Homecoming Queen 12 Decathlon Team 10,11,12 FLC 10,11,12 Spellbowl 10,11,12 Academic Superbowl 10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12

## Jennifer Bullard

Sunshine 9,10,11 SADD 10 Varsity 10 Powder Puff 12 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Student Council 9 Track 11 Tennis 9,12

## John Burton

FCA 12 NHS 11,12 Decathlon Team 10,11,12 FLC 10,11 Spellbowl 11,12 Academic Superbowl 10,11,12 Science Olympiad 9,10,11,12

## Alex Byers

## Joseph Campbell

FCA 10,11,12 KK 12 BPOA 12 Football 9,10 NHS 10,11,12 Golf 11,12 Baseball 9 Basketball 9,10,11,12 SSS 12

## Jordan Chops

SADD 12 BPOA 10,11

## Thomas Clarich

## Todd Clark

## Eric Clarke

## Jonathan Clifford

Swimming 9,10,11,12 Student Council 9,10,11,12 Track 10 Tennis 10,11,12

## Brittany Coffey

Sunshine 9,10 FCA 9,10,11,12 SADD 9,10 Yearbook 12 Softball 9 Powder Puff 11,12 Student Council 11 Golf 9,10,11,12 Environmental 11

## Steven Colbert

Sunshine 11

Class of 2008 Officers: President: Micah Raebel, Vice President: Jonathon Torbitt, Secretary: Katrina VanderWoude, and Treasurer: Kristopher Proud.

*Created By:  
Samantha Stahl  
Brittany Mann  
&  
Pasha Patel*



**Allie Collins**  
**Jillian Conley**

Sunshine 9,10 FCA 10,11,12 Pathfinders 11,12 KK  
9,10 Powder Puff 11,12 Soccer 9,10,11,12 NHS 10,11,12  
Homecoming rep. 10,12 Class Officer 10,11 Student Council  
9,10,11,12 Track 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10,12 Prom Court 11

**Scott Conley**

Swimming 9,10,11,12 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Orchestra 9,10,11,12

**Daniel Correal**

Soccer 9,10,11,12 FLC 11,12 Track 12 Tennis 9



**Dale Crawley**

Drama 10,11,12 Pathfinders 11,12 Newspaper 12 Student Council 9

**Zachary Crostreet**

**Patrick Cruickshank**

FFA 11 Environmental 9

**Richard Culbreth**

Newspaper 11 Baseball 12



**Craig Curtis**

FCA 9,10,11,12 Soccer 9,10,11,12 NHS 10,11,12 Decathlon  
Team 9,10,12 Pioneerz 10,11 Academic Super Bowl 9,10,11,12

**Chance Czarnecki**

**Danielle Czlonka**

**Michelle Dahn**

Sunshine 9,10,11 KK 9 Football Manager 10,11,12

Powder Puff 11,12 FLC 9,10,11,12 Band 10



**Carissa Day**

Sunshine 10,11,12 Drama 10 SADD 12 Pathfinders 11  
KK 9 Newspaper 11 Powder Puff 11,12 Environmental 9

**Tara Deeter**

Sunshine 9,10 Drama 9 KK 9,10 Powder Puff 12

**Jessica Dehning**

**Alexander DeLaGarza**



*Don't be afraid to*

*take risks*

*-Shellie Haley*

*When you're feeling down, crack a  
smile, even for a second. It will  
make you feel a little better.*

*-Alexander DeLaGarza*

Shane Sparger listens to fellow classmates as they give their speeches. In Mrs. Hallie Chicki's fourth hour speech class, students were given a topic and had to give a one minute speech, unrehearsed and unprepared, in front of the class.



*Class of 2008*





**Daniel Donohoe**  
Choir 9,10,11,12  
**Carmen Dragu**  
FCA 12 Pathfinders 11,12  
**Heather Dulaney**  
Sunshine 9 Powder Puff 11,12 Orchestra 9,10,11,12  
**Julie Dykstra**  
Sunshine 9,10 SADD 9 Pathfinders 9,10,11,12  
Cheerleader 11 Powder Puff 11,12 Track 10,11,12  
Volleyball 9 Choir 9 FFA Sweetheart Rep. 10



**Saintuvshln Erdenechlmeg**  
Soccer 11  
**Robert Erwin**  
Swimming 9,10,11,12 Soccer 9,10,12 Band 9,10,11,12  
**Eric Estrada**  
Baseball 12 Environmental 11,12  
**Felicia Fahey**  
Drama 9,10,11,12 Yearbook 12 Art 11 NHS 10,11,12  
Mirage 10 Band 9,10,11,12 SSS 12



**Taylor Farrell**  
**Danielle Fase**  
Sunshine 9,10 SADD 9 Pathfinders 10,11,12 KK 12 Sports  
Manager 10 FLC 11 Basketball 9,10 Choir 9,10,11,12  
**Bethany Ferguson**  
Sunshine 9 CC 10 Soccer 9,10,11 Art 10 Mirage 11,12 FLC  
9,10 Track 9 Basketball 10 Band 9,10,11,12 Book Club 12  
**Joshua Fifield**  
FCA 9,10,11,12 SADD 9,10,12 Pathfinders 9,10,11,12  
KK 9,12 BPOA 12 Varsity 9 Soccer 10,11,12 FLC  
9,10,11 Pioneerz 9,12 Track 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10  
Environmental 9,10,11,12 SSS 12



**Chandra Flachenberger**  
**John Forden**  
**Alisa Fraticelli**  
Pathfinders 9,10,11 KK 9 Decathlon Team 10,12 Student Council  
11,12 FLC 9,10 Academic Superboal 10 Choir 9,10,11,12  
**Shawn Freckelton**  
KK 9,10



**Vittalia Fregoso**  
Powder Puff 11,12 FLC 10,11,12 Tennis 11  
**Eric Fulkerson**  
FCA 12 Pathfinders 12 NHS 12 Jam Club 12  
**Adriana Garza**  
Sunshine 9 Swimming 11,12 Kolor Guard 9,10,11,12  
Choir 9,10,11,12  
**Jasmine Glab**  
Drama 9 Powder Puff 11,12 Decathlon Team 10 FLC  
10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12



James Guerrero

Callie Guritz

*Student Council FLC 12 Prom Court/Princess 11 SSS*

**Jaime Gutierrez**

*Drama 12 FLC 12 Environmental 12*

9,10,11,12 Student Council 9 Tennis 9

*Soccer 12*

Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12



Stand Out  
Shake the grade to conclude in the future world called life





**Daniel Hudspeth**

FCA 11,12 Pathfinders 11,12 KK 10 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Art 12 Decathlon Team 9,10,11,12 Student Council 10,11,12 FLC 9,10,11,12 Track 10 Spell Bowl 11,12 Academic Superbowl 9,10,11,12 Science Olympiad 10,12

**Joshua Huhn**

**Bradley Huke**

**Michael Hunter**

FFA 9,10 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Track 10 Band 9,10,11,12



**Gary Ison**

Golf 10,11,12

**William Iverson**

**Corinne Janavich**

**Sarah Jiron**

Choir 9,10,11,12



**Anthony Johnson**

KK 12 BPOA 11,12 Special Olympics 11,12 Golf 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10,12

**Tara Jones**

Sunshine 11 FLC 11 Band 9,10,11,12

**Tasha Jones**

Sunshine 9,10,11 SADD 9,10 Pathfinders 11,12 Cheerleader 9,10 Powder Puff 11,12 Track 10,12 Environmental 9,11

**Devin Jordan**

KK 12 BPOA 12 Special Olympics 12 Track 11,12 Baseball 10



**Samantha Jordan**

**Jacob Kaluf**

**Holly Kampenga**

Sunshine 9,10 SADD 9,10 Powder Puff 11,12 NHS 10,11,12 Class Officer 9 Student Council 9,10,11,12 SSS 12

**Nathan Kats**

Soccer 9,10 Basketball 9,10



**Nicholas Kearney**

Varsity 9,10,11,12 Wrestling 9,10,11,12 Baseball 10,11,12

**Nicole Kerner**

Sunshine 9,10 FCA 11 Softball 9 Powder Puff 11,12

Soccer 9,10,11,12 NHS 10,11,12 Track 11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12

**Christina Kittle**

KK 9,10 Powder Puff 11,12

**Christopher Kittle**

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Samantha Shalh  
Brittany Mann  
&  
Dasha Busel*

**Justin Klassen**

FCA 10 Pathfinders 11 FLC 9,10,11 Band 9,10,11,12

**Michael Kochevar**

Jillian Kolb

Sunshine 9,10 FCA 9,10,11,12 SADD 9,10 Pathfinders

9,10,11,12 Cheerleader 9,10,11,12 Powder Puff 11,12

NHS 10,11,12 Homecoming Rep. 12 Student Council

9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12 SSS 12 HHR 9,10,11,12

**Jordan Kolb**

FCA 9,10 Sports Manager 11 Swimming 10,12 NHS

10,11,12 Student Council 10,11,12 Baseball 9,10,12

Basketball 9 Tennis 10,11,12 Prom Committee 11

**Nathaniel Kolp**

High Mileage Team 10,11,12

**Aaron Kurowsky**

SADD 9,10 KK 9,10 Student Council 11,12 Tennis 10,11

**Tina Kyle**

Choir 10,11,12

**Alec LaMotte**

**Matthew Lanari**

**Phillip Laney**

FCA 10,11,12 Football 10,11,12

**John Lapota**

SADD 9,10 KK 9,10 Varsity 9,10 Wrestling 9,10,11,12 Soccer 9,10,11

FLC 9,10,11,12 Baseball 9 Band 9,10,11 Wrestling Captain 12

**John Laski**

**Nicholas Leach**

FCA 11 Soccer 9

**Nathan Leath**

Drama 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12

**Lauren Leewater**

**Amanda Lemmon**



Life is what you make of it  
To make it good because you  
only get once

- Heather Dubaney

Enjoy it before it's gone  
- Felicia Foley

Always do your best don't give up  
If you're ever in the position to  
make a difference take it

- Steven Colbert

Class Of 2008





**Katie Lewandowski**

**Sean Liston**

*Drama 9 KK 9,10,11 Swimming 10,11 Choir 10,11*

**Sara Little**

*Drama 9,10,11,12 Pathfinders 11 Art 12 Mirage 9 FLC*

*11 Band 9,10,11,12 Jazz Band 12*

**Cameron Lovely**



**Caitlyn Luckey**

**Chester Maglera**

**Brittany Mann**

*Sunshine 9,10 Drama 11,12 Yearbook 12 Powder Puff*

*11,12 Kolor Guard 9,10,11,12*

**Samantha Maretich**

*Drama 9 SADD 12 Newspaper 11,12 Band 9,10,11,12*



**Heather Marlanowski**

*Sunshine 9,10,11 FCA 11 FCCLA 11 FFA 9 KK 9,10*

*Powder Puff 11,12 Environmental 11*

**Paulo Martins**

**Brooke Mathis**

**Jeffrey Mathis**



**Cortnie McLellan**

*Sunshine 9,10 FCCLA 9 Powder Puff 11,12 FLC 9,10*

*Band 9,10,11,12*

**Katie Mestrovich**

*Sunshine 9,10 FCA 10 SADD 9 Pathfinders 11*

*Cheerleader 10,12 Volleyball 9,11 Environmental 12*

*Choir 9,10,11*

**Rick Meyers**

*FFA 9*

**Candy Miller Wood**

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&  
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*Alisa Fratelli*



*Allyson Myers, Detroit Wood, Kelly  
Duffy, Danyla Hoke*



*Julian Conley*

Jessica Mitchell  
Corey Molden  
Michael Molinaro  
Sean Monroe



**Jamie Moore**

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Swimming 10 NHS 10,11,12 FLC 9,10,11,12 Track 9,10,11,12  
Volleyball 9 Choir 9,10,11,12 SSS 12 Prom Committee 11

**Danielle Mullen**

FFA 9,10,11,12 Powder Puff 12 FLC 12 Tennis 9,10  
Environmental 12 Band 9,10 FFA Sweetheart Rep. 12 Jazz Band 9,10

**Jordan Murphy**

Sunshine 10 Powder Puff 11,12 Tennis 9 Environmental 11

**Alexa Murray**

Sunshine 9,10,11 Drama 12 SADD 10,12 Yearbook  
11,12 Sports manager 12 Powder Puff 11,12 Kolor  
Guard 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12



**Victoria Murray**

Sunshine 9,10 Powder Puff 11,12 Art 10,11 Mirage 11  
Spell Bowl 10 Band 9,10,11,12 Book Club 12

**Kyle Musch**

Drama 9,10,11,12 SADD 9,10,11 KK 9,10,12 Student  
Council 9 FLC 11 Band 9,10,11,12 SSS 12

**Laura Myers**

Sunshine 9,10,11 SADD 9,10 KK 9,10 Yearbook 12  
Track 9,10,11,12 Volleyball 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12



**Morgan Myers**

Sunshine 9,10,11 KK 9 Yearbook 11,12 Newspaper 12  
Powder Puff 11,12 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Art 9,10 NHS 9,10,11,12  
Decathlon team 9 Mirage 9,10,11,12 FLC 12 Tennis 9,10 Spell  
Bowl 11,12 Band 9,10,11,12 Book Club 11,12

**Kevin Nelms**

FCA 9,10,11,12 KK 12 BPOA 12 Swimming 11 Soccer  
9,10,11,12 Special Olympics 12 Basketball 9,10

**Giada Nicolai**

**Mercedes Nielsen**

Exchange Student 12  
Drama 11,12 Yearbook 11,12 Book Club 11,12



*Hard hands have power  
and enjoy life  
-Daniel Andujar*

*Live life one day at a time*

*-Michelle Dahm*

*One loves one God  
and one ways  
-Jordan Eliza*

*Class of 2008*



**Amanda O'Neal**

Sunshine 10,11,12 Cheerleader 9,10,11,12 Powder Puff 11,12

**Katelyn Pajkos**

Sunshine 9,10,11,12 Drama 9,10,11 Pathfinders 9,10  
KK 9 Pioneerz 11,12 Band 9,10,11,12

**Brianna Patton**

Sunshine 9,11,12 Drama 10,12 KK 9,12 Powder Puff  
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Student Council 11,12 FLC 11,12 Band 9,10,11,12 SSS 12

**Alecia Penninga**



**Clayton Prairie**

FCA 9,10,11,12 KK 10,12 Soccer 10,11,12 Special  
Olympics 10,11,12 Baseball 9 Choir 9,10,11

**Andrew Prentoski**

KK 12 Golf 11,12 Basketball 9

**Kenny Proud**

Special Olympics 11,12 Golf 10,11,12 Basketball 9,10

**Kristopher Proud**

Class Officer 10,12 Student Council 10,11,12 Golf  
10,11,12 Tennis 10,11 SSS 12 Prom Committee 11



**Ryan Pruitt**

FFA 9,10,11,12

**Micah Raebel**

FCA 11,12 SADD 12 Soccer 9,10,11 NIS 10,11,12 Class Officer  
12 Student Council 11,12 Baseball 9,10,11,12 Basketball  
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**Brady Ramey**

**Thomas Ramsey**

Drama 9,10,11,12 Varsity 10,11 Football 9,10,11  
Wrestling 11,12



**William Recker**

Football 9,10,11,12 Track 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10,11,12

**Mark Ress**

**Jamie Rios**

Sunshine 9,10,11 Powder Puff 11,12 Student of the Month 11

**Ashley Risner**



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Samantha Smith  
Brittany Adams  
+  
Dasha Pineda*

*It's Better to be hated  
for who you are than  
loved for who you're not.  
-Shannon Watkins*



**Lindsay Risner**

*Sunshine 9,10 SADD 12 KK 9*

**Francisco Rodriguez**

**Melissa Roldan**

**Alyssa Ruthkay**

*Sunshine 9 Powder Puff 12 Environmental 10,11,12*

*President of Environmental 11,12*



**Kayla Sadowski**

**Christina Saunders**

*Sunshine 9*

**Brent Scamihorn**

*FCA 11,12 SADD 9 KK 9 Sports Manager 9 Soccer 10,11 NHS*

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*9,10,11,12 Academic Superboat 10,11,12 Choir 10,11,12*

**Josiah Schaefer**

*FCA 10 Cross Country 9 Track 9 Basketball 9 Tennis*

*10,11,12 Band 9,10*



**Rebecca Schliemann**

*Sunshine 9,10,11 Drama 9 SADD 9,10 Pathfinders*

*9,10,11 KK 9,10 Powder Puff 11 Pioneerz 10,11,12*

**Susan Schliemann**

**Magan Schrombeck**

*Sunshine 11*

**Jessica Schultz**

*Sunshine 9,10,11 SADD 10,11 KK 9 Powder Puff 11,12*

*Tennis 9 SSS 12*



**Taylor Scott**

*Sunshine 9,10,11 Drama 9,10,11,12 Powder Puff 11,12*

*Choir 12 Orchestra 9,10,11,12*

**Lindsay Seegers**

*Drama 9 Powder Puff 11,12 Soccer 10 Art 12 FLC*

*10,11,12 Tennis 9,10 Orchestra 9,10,11,12*

**Brittany Shoemaker**

**Brooke Shoemaker**

*Sunshine 9,10 KK 9 NHS 9 Environmental 12*



**Ashley Sholes**

*Sunshine 9,10,11 KK 10,12 Powder Puff 11*

**James Sholey**

*Environmental 11,12*

**Matthew Simmons**

**Lindsay Sittema**







**Lindsey Skratsky**  
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 Sports Manager 9 Softball 9,10 Powder Puff 11,12  
 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Homecoming Rep. 9 Class Officers 9*  
**Brittney Smiejek**  
**Timothy Smith**  
*Perfect Attendance 9*  
**Allisha Sonntag**



**Devon Southard**  
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**Hannah Sparks**  
*Sunshine 9,10,12 SADD 12 Cheerleader 9,10,11,12  
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**Patricia Speers**  
**Aaron Stoermann**  
*FCA 12 Drama 12 Pathfinders 9,12 Soccer 9,10,11,12*



**Mitchell Sytsma**  
**Thomas Terrell**  
**Andrew Tillema**  
*Drama 9,10,11,12 Soccer 9 Band 9,10,11,12*  
**Joshua Tillema**

*Dear Family & Friends*  
**Kaylah Rose Southern**  
 May 12, 2000 - October 1, 2010



**Marissa Tillemo**

Sunshine 9,10,11 SADD 9,10 Pathfinders 9,10,11 KK 9,10  
Powder Puff 11,12 FLC 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12

**Elizabeth Tilley**

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11,12 Soccer 9,10,11 Class Officer 11 Student Council  
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**Samantha Tinglof**

Sunshine 9,10 SADD 10 KK 9,10 Powder Puff 11,12  
Tennis 9 Environmental 11

**Jonathan Torbitt**

SADD 9 KK 9 Sports Manager 11 Swimming 10 NHS  
10,11,12 Class Officer 12 Student Council 9,10,11,12  
Track 9 Volleyball 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12 Mr. KV  
and Mr. Kourag 10 Mr. Congeniality 11 Bowling 12

**Rachel Uildriks**

Newspaper Cartoonist 11,12

**Spencer Underwood****Donald Urban**

FCA 9,10,11 Football 9,10,11 Track 9 Band 9,10,11

**Derek VanderMolen**

FCA 9,11,12 Swimming 11 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10

**Katrina VanderWoude**

Sunshine 10 FCA 9,10,11,12 SADD 10 Pathfinders 10,11  
Powder Puff 11,12 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Homecoming Rep.  
11 Class Officer 10,11,12 Student Council 10,11,12 Track  
9,10,11,12 Basketball 9 SSS 12

**Brittney Vires****Anghela Viza Cumpa**

Softball 12 Powder Puff 12 ES. 12 FLC 12 Tennis 12 Band 12

**Page Walczak**

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Powder Puff 11,12 Soccer 9,10,11,12 FLC 12 Track  
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**David Walstra**

Football 9,10,11,12 Special Olympics 11,12 Student Council  
9 Track 10,11,12 Environmental 11,12 Prom Court. 11

**Charles Ward**

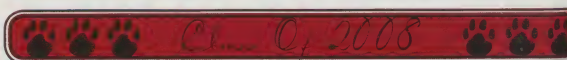
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**Dustin Warner**

Football 9

**Shawna Watkins**

Sunshine 10,11 SADD 12 Sports Manager 10 Mirage 9  
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**Jacob Watts**  
FCA 11,12 SADD 10,11 KK 9,10 Homecoming Rep, 12 Track  
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**Garrett Waugaman**  
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**Joey White**  
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**Ashley Wiggins**



**Tiffany Wilson**  
**Jonathan Wiltfang**  
**Stormy Wireman**  
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Student of the Month 11  
**Lauren Witt**



**Jessica Witvoel**  
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Rep. 11 Forestry 11,12  
**Detra Wood**  
Sunshine 10 Yearbook 11,12 Softball 9,10,11,12  
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**Jonathan Yokovich**  
**Julian Zavala**  
Drama 9 FLC 12



**Adam Zentz**  
Sunshine 11 FFA 10  
**Adeline Zerkel**  
Sunshine 10,11 Yearbook 11 Sports Manager 11  
**Michael Zylstra**  
KK 9 Newspaper 10 Golf 9,10

## Not Pictured

Matthew Antkowiak, Adam Betancourt, Amanda Cooper, Amanda Derr, Mathew Dobos, Alan Estrada, Christopher Gillette, Kayla Hale, Shellie Haley, Elizabeth Hunt, Danielle Jarrell, Felicia Junk, Tera Ritchie, Dominic Robatto, Shane Sparger, Juan Urbina, Dean Volk, Bradley Webber, and Joshua Whitaker





# Juniors

By: Stephanie Spaniol & Stephanie Wright

No longer underclassmen, 264 juniors made up the class of 2009. Class sponsors were Mrs. Heather Carey and Mrs. Jill Steiner. Class representatives were President Kyle Whited, Vice President Jeffery Laski, Secretary Whitney Gladdis, and Treasurer Ashley Hudspeth.

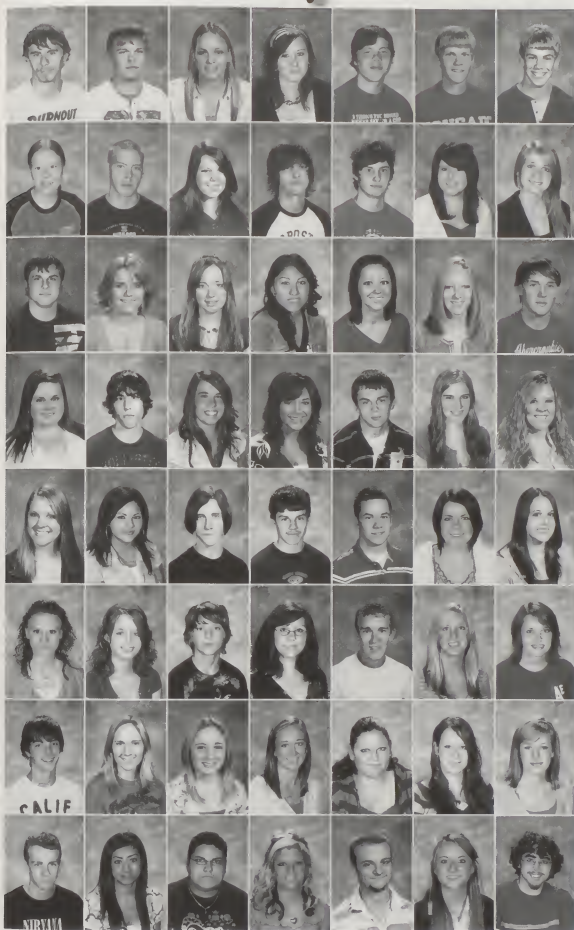
Excited to be part of the action during Homecoming week, juniors did what they could to beat the seniors. Even though they fell short, they still made it worth watching. Mr. Jeff Moolenaar and Mr. Matthew Bristol coached the girls Powder Puff team. The class of 2009 elected Pamela Zuchowski for their Homecoming court candidate. She was escorted by Andrew Matson. Pam said, "I felt really honored that I was nominated. I had so much fun."

Alyssa Aguilon  
Heather Anderson  
Taylor Anderson  
Brenda Andrade  
Craig Antkowiak  
Megan Axtell  
Michael Ayersman  
Alexandria Bailey  
Trevor Bailey  
Corie Barcus  
Alexander Barrera  
Samuel Bass  
Cameron Bell  
Chelsea Belt  
Ryan Bennett  
Jonathan Bently  
Scott Berns  
Katherine Billy  
Jake Birky  
Nicole Birky  
Michael Blaskovich  
Jessica Bliss  
Gregory Boer  
Emily Boise  
Stephanie Boissy  
Joshua Bolen  
Mareike Borchardt  
Daniel Breyts  
Joshua Broertjes  
Kelly Brown  
Michael Brown  
Tyler Buchanan  
Gabriel Caggiano  
Austin Call  
Jessica Call  
Stephanie Cambe  
Brooke Campbell  
Donald Capouch  
Jessica Cazares  
Drew Cisar  
Amanda Colbert  
Dustin Cole  
Ashlie Collins  
Christopher Cooper  
Corey Coulter  
Erin Cowgill  
Tyler Cox  
Rebecca Crane  
Kayle Crouch



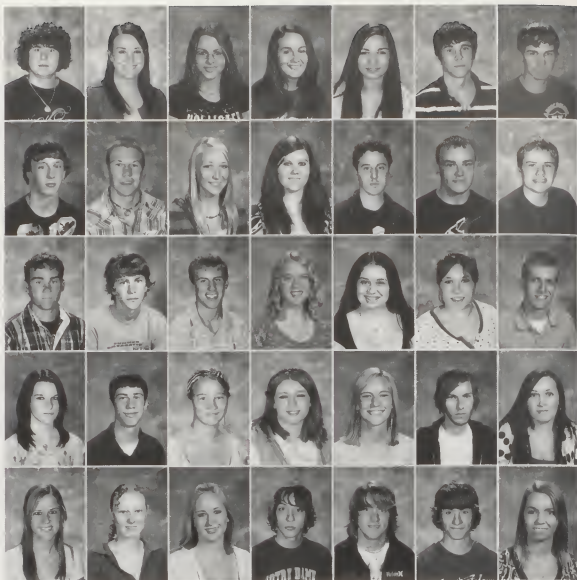


# \*Class of 2009



Randall Curry  
 Donovan Czarnecki  
 Aliza Daniels  
 Jordan Davis  
 Kristopher Davis  
 Matthew Defries  
 Kyle Dejong  
 Jennifer Denton  
 Joshua Denton  
 Jacquelyn Devries  
 Phillip Devries  
 Mark Dobin  
 Danielle Donaldson  
 Larissa Dragu  
 Daniel Driscoll  
 Amy Dykstra  
 Rebecca Eenigenburg  
 Alma Espinoza  
 Samantha Farias  
 Tara Fieldhouse  
 Jeremy Fleege  
 Adrienne Flick  
 Bryce Fox  
 Kourtney Frieden  
 Kaylie Fritts  
 Sean Galloway  
 Lauren Gant  
 Ashley Ganzeveld  
 Megan Ganzeveld  
 Bianca Garcia  
 Lawrence Gifford  
 Andrew Gilbert  
 Nicholas Gillespie  
 Lauren Gilmore  
 Whitney Gladdis  
 Heather Glaze  
 Miranda Gonzales  
 Kevin Griffith  
 Ashley Gudorf  
 Erick Halaburt  
 Jessica Hamstra  
 Lauren Hamstra  
 Matthew Hanley  
 Kaitlyn Hansen  
 Paige Hardin  
 Brittany Heerema  
 Erica Helms  
 Cayla Hensel  
 Chelsea Hensel  
 Jeremy Hepworth  
 Itzel Hernandez  
 Francisco Herrera  
 Jennifer Hershman  
 Larry Hesh  
 Jessica Higgerson  
 Bradley Hoffman

Michael Hoffman  
Kaitlyn Howard  
Marilyn Hudec  
Ashley Hudspeth  
Chantal Huff  
Michael Huff  
Aaron Jabaay  
Trent Jackson  
Jeffrey Jansma  
Elise Jolink  
Abigail Jones  
Aaron Kaniuk  
Anthony Keeling  
Dustin Kendall  
Andrew Ketchem  
Brent Kikkert  
Ryan Kikkert  
Stephanie Kingma  
Alexandria Kirshner  
Jessica Knoblock  
Micah Kristoff  
Jennifer Landry  
Jeffrey Laski  
Jessica Lawrence  
Jennifer Lawson  
Candace Leegwater  
Andrew Leep  
Ashley Lemmon  
Jenna Lewandowski  
Britta Longstreth  
Jillian Loslo  
Bret Lott  
Charles Lovely  
Mathew Lovely  
Tanya Lynch



# Why didn't **YOU** get it done?

"Well, I was sitting there, and it spontaneously combusted..."  
-Whitney Studer

"Your class isn't the only class I get homework in you know."  
-C.J. Meadows

"...but you told us we could work on  
it in class the next day."  
-Alma Espinoza

"I had to do something else that was  
more important."  
-Jeremy Hepworth

"I forgot it on the kitchen counter because  
I was in a major hurry, sorry, I'll turn it in  
tomorrow."

-Lauren Gant



Juniors Jacquelyn DeVries, Megan Ganzveld, and Jennifer Perov hang out in the hallways while awaiting the two minute bell to sound. These girls were usually seen blocking the corner in the English hallway.

# How do you want to be remembered?



"MY HAIR!!!"

**-Trevor Marvin**

"I would like to be remembered as someone who made a difference to other people, the one person people look at and say, 'Wow! She has really changed!'"

**-Amanda Colbert**

"I want to be remembered as that kid that had that quote in the yearbook."

**-Nick Gillespie**

"The kid with the magical watch that knows the exact second the bell rings."

**-Riley Reynolds**

"By how I slacked in the beginning of the year, and how I always came back just in time to pass."

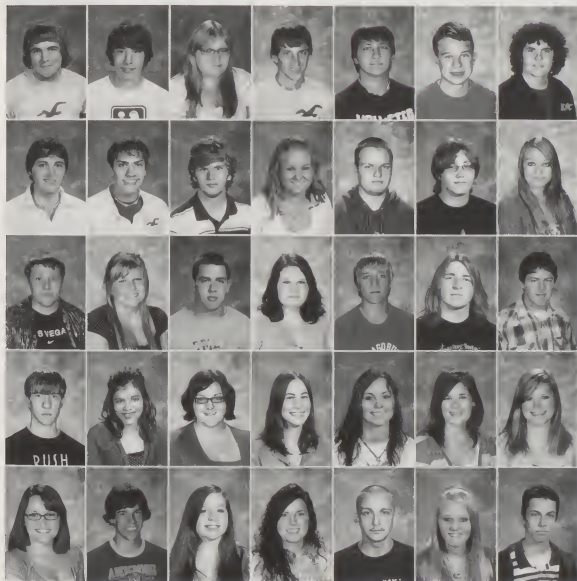
**-Ethan Sparger**

"I would like to be remembered as not just the typical cheerleader, but someone more than that. You can't always judge a book by its cover."

**-Trisha Poisel**

"I want to be remembered as the littlest guy with the biggest heart."

**-Kevin Griffith**



Adam Mandeville  
Derek Mann  
Kimberly Maretich  
Austin Marlatt  
Brandon Marlatt  
Branden Martens  
Trevor Marvin  
Andrew Matson  
Shawn McDaniel  
Timothy McDaniel  
Heather McMillan  
Johnny McPeters  
Clifford Meadows  
Nichole Mehay  
Gregory Melton  
Jessica Middleton  
Matthew Misch  
Jennifer Nee  
Nicholas Newcomb  
Robert O'Connell  
Michael Orsburn  
Colin Paschke  
Amber Passuello  
Emily Peregrine  
Jennifer Perov  
Kerri Persson  
Amanda Peters  
Rebecca Petterle  
Trisha Poisel  
Kale Popp  
Jaime Quillen  
Shayla Recker  
James Remmers  
Alyssa Rentschler  
Daniel Rescan

# YOU

How do YOU waste time?

"www.ESPN.com; looking up sport scores."

**-Chris Shiavone**

"Facebook! I usually write on people's walls or check out everyone's picture albums. I also draw graffiti and send gifts to friends."

**-Ashley VanKley**

"I am usually on Wikipedia learning more and more and changing things on it so they are wrong."

**-Greg Melton**

"www.addictinggames.com; I play a game where dart throwing monkeys pop balloons."

**-Kale Popp**

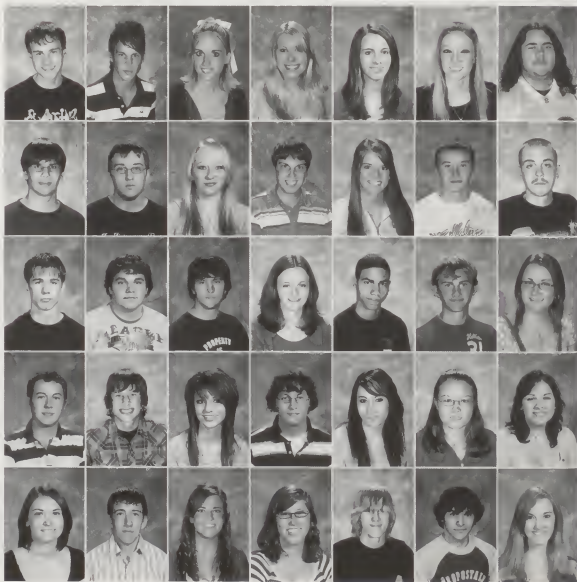
"Myspace! I talk to my friends and look at their profiles. The best part about it is that everyone I know has one."

**-Nicolette Scally**

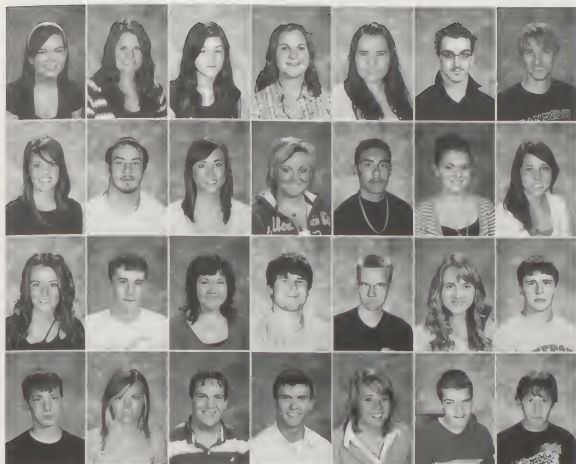
Class Officers: Kyle Whited- president, Jeff Laski- vice president, Ashley Hudspeth- treasurer, Whitney Gladdis- secretary.



Riley Reynolds  
Jonathan Ricken  
Amanda Rose  
Sarah Rudelius  
Holly Salerno  
Erica Saliga  
Robert Saltarski  
Daniel Sandefur  
Cameron Sanders  
Nicolette Scally  
Christopher Schiavone  
Ashley Schmuecker  
Mark Schultz  
Cody Scott  
Derrik Sears  
Dusty Seegers  
Michael Sell  
Leah Shanks  
Edward Shearry  
John Shebesh  
Erika Shoemaker  
Joshua Smith  
Alexander Sowa  
Stephanie Spaniol  
Ethan Sparger  
Theresa Srebalus  
Cheyenne Starkey  
Miranda Steele  
Trisha Steveson  
Philip Stewart  
Leigh Ann Stratsky  
Whitney Studer  
Austin Suprenant  
Jacque Szczerba  
Marissa Talarek







Kendra Terborg  
Kelsey Tillema  
Tiffany Todd  
Abby Tognarelli  
Kyresten Tompkins  
Christopher Torres  
Steven Travers  
Alyssa Tronjo  
William Uzzle  
Ashley Vankley  
Taylor Vanvuren  
Jaime Vargas  
Samantha Vargas  
Amanda Villalpando  
Ashley Walden  
Jordan Wallace  
Chloe Wallenstein  
Zachary Waters  
Tyler Way  
Carolyn Weaver  
Nicholas Welch  
Charles Wheet  
Brittany White  
Kyle Whited  
Walter Wians  
Lauren Wierzba  
Brian Wilkinson  
Cory Williams

#### Not Pictured:

Justin Boose, Marlene Cadenanes,  
Jonathan Carter, Amanda Chops,  
Christopher Collins, Ashley Gudorf,  
Desiree Johnson, Larry Malone,  
Timothy Marse, Michael Maxey,  
Heather Ossmann, Donald Rupert,  
Tiffany Sifrer, Lucas Smith,  
Mathew Tomaszewski, David Van-  
Denburgh, and Blake Wiggins



Jamie Wireman  
Paige Wireman  
Stephanie Wright  
Taylor Wright

Joshua Yurko  
Pamela Zuchowski



"Brent Kikkert, he's my best friend."  
-Phil DeVries

"Mr. Peo because he is a skinny pirate."  
-Michael Hoffman

"Chelsea Hensely because she's my sister, and we have so many good times, plus I have to love her!"  
-Cayla Hensel

"The best person I know is Jimmy Guerrero, because he's my brother, and we know everything about each other."  
-Derek Mann

"My mommy because she loves me."  
-Trent Jackson

"My dad because he somehow puts up with me!"  
-Matt Hanley

"There isn't one in particular. All my friends have been by my side through everything."  
-Abby Tognarelli

"Brett Anderson because he could always make you laugh no matter how bad your day was going or how mad you were.  
In Loving Memory of B.S.A. "  
-Eric Halaburt

**Who is the best person you know?**

Eric Allbritten  
Bristol Allen  
Dakota Anderson  
David Anderson  
Erica Anderson  
Jonathan Anleitner  
Hillary Armstrong

Kyndra Armstrong  
Tewsdays Babicka  
Brandi Baccino  
Ryan Bailey  
Matthew Bales  
Ryan Barnett  
Sayra Barrera

Crispin Baumgarte  
Nicholas Berdine  
Jacob Bestich  
Jake Bifoss  
Elora Blaise  
Angela Boezeman  
Breyton Bolton

Ariel Boonstra  
Ashley Boonstra  
Darrell Boruff  
Samantha Brown  
Cody Brzezinski  
Stephen Buche  
Jonathan Buck

James Burrola  
Jeffrey Burton  
Marissa Butler  
Samuel Capouch  
Kyle Chadwick  
Haley Clark  
Blaine Cochran

Jessica Coffey  
Timothy Compton  
Amy Conley  
Lauren Cooley  
Candace Cowser  
Laci Craft  
Todd Crego

Rachel Dahn  
Ashley Daniels  
Kevin Davis  
Mallory Defries  
Jordan Dellahan  
Seth Delossantos  
Taylor Deyoung

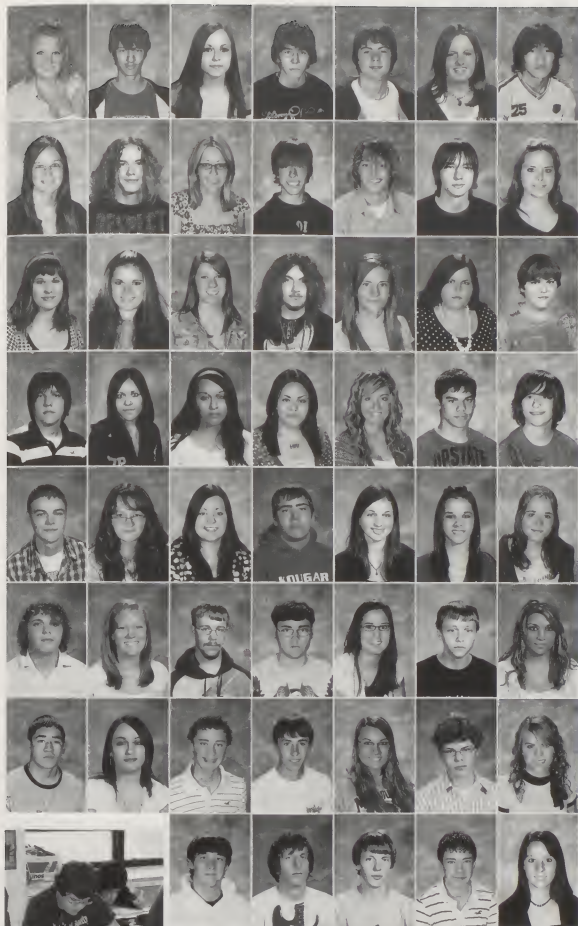


# Sophomores

*Class of 2010 exceeds the limits*

By: Greg Melton & Derek Mann

One shy of 300, sophomores claimed top spot in class size. Nicholas Gladdis said, "The class is enormous in size, and it's just going to keep getting bigger." Class sponsor Mrs. Kathy McKinney helped to organize door decoration, dress-up days, and other spirit week activities. Homecoming princess was Marissa Butler who was escorted by Samuel Capouch. Class officers included Co-presidents Samuel Capouch and Brandee Hudspeth, Vice President Tessa Wisdom, Treasurer Anthony Shevock, and Secretary Jessica Coffey. Brandee Hudspeth was the recipient of the prestigious Hugh O'Brien Award. Close behind was Haley Clark as first runner up. Other sophomore finalists included Meghan Stalbaum, Ellaree Swim, and Brittany White.



Grading homework in health class taught by Mr. Dan Roberts, Nicholas Wyrick corrects wrong answers so his friend can study for his upcoming test. Mr. Roberts taught his students many things about the dangers of drinking, smoking and using drugs that they needed to know before heading into the real world.

Teague Deyoung  
Dustin Drake  
Danielle Drennan  
Brett Dufault  
Nathan Dugan  
Tina Eenigenburg  
Chinges Erdenechimeg

Sarah Estrada  
Zachary Evans  
Alyssa Fagenbaum  
Christian Ferguson  
Trace Fitzpatrick  
Jerad Flachsenberger  
Lauren Freeze

Nicole Fulkerson  
Marie Furmanski  
Stefani Giebudowski  
Jesse Gilbert  
Stacy Ginkel  
Jade Glab  
Paul Glab

Nicholas Gladdis  
Maria Gomez  
Lucia Gonzalez  
Melissa Gonzalez  
Sommer Grace  
David Grevenstuk  
Aaron Griffin

Casey Grover  
Cassie Guritz  
Erica Hageman  
Durrall Hale  
Jordan Hanley  
Kristen Hanlon  
Ashley Hansen

Justin Hardesty  
Teri Harrington  
Cory D. Hayes  
John Heilman  
Shaina Helton  
Dustin Hepworth  
Jacqueline Hernandez

Alfredo Herrera  
Melisa Herrera  
Kenneth Higgins  
Kyle Higgins  
Tiffany Hinsley  
James Cody Hitchcock  
Erin Hoffman

Jacob Hoffman  
Nicholas Holley  
Kevin Holm-Hansen  
Ryan Hornback  
Brandee Hudspeth

Brooke Huff  
Wesley Jarrell  
Blake Jarrette  
Jacque Jean  
Anthony Jefferson  
Alex Jerzyk  
Cody Jones

Niel Jones  
Tyler Jones  
Felicia Jungels  
Kai Justice  
Travis Kaluf  
Aaron Kearney  
Travis Kerns

Donald Kitchen  
Teal Klein  
Amanda Klemp  
Keith Klicek  
Evan Klingaman  
Brian Knip  
Adam Kressen

Kyle Kressen  
Timothy Kressen  
Bryce Kroll  
Amy Krupa  
Cameron Lane  
Steven Leach  
Cody Lee

Rande Livengood  
Jack Loar  
Derek Love  
Carissa Lovely  
Cody Lovely  
Kimberly Luedtke  
Nicole Mafitt

Louise Magiera  
Heidi Maisonet  
Ashley Malone  
Richard Manns  
Blake Marlatt  
Horacio Marquez  
John Marse

Zachariah Marshall  
Kennedy Martin  
Timothy Mathis  
Alaina Matson  
Christina Matson  
Jessica McCoy  
Richard McKernan



# Class of 2010

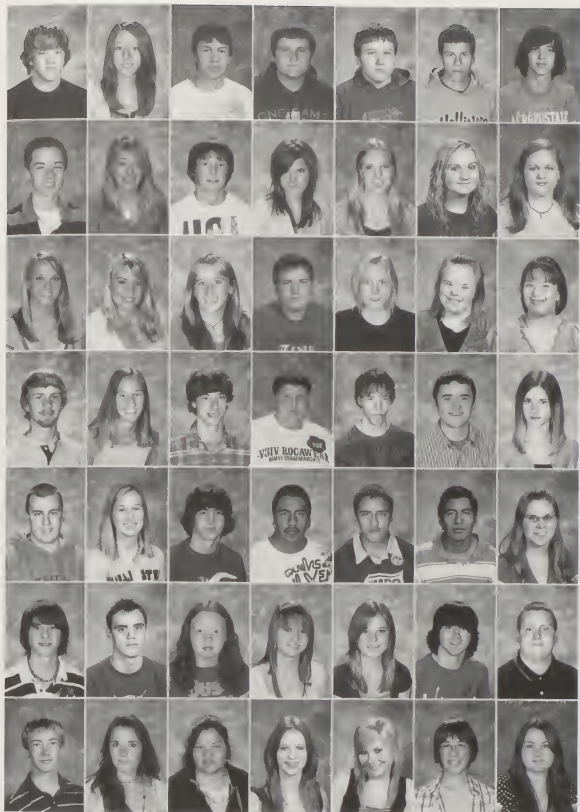
*chooses strong leaders*

By: Greg Melton & Derek Mann

Class Officers: Row 1: Secretary Jessica Cofer, Vice President Tessa Wisdom, Treasurer Anthony Shevock Row 2: Co-Presidents Samuel Capouch and Brandee Hudspeth.







Trent Mendyke  
Savanah Mick  
Michael Mihalovich  
Michael Miley  
Sean Montgomery-Burks  
Nathan Moore  
Derek John Morris

Mitchell Mullen  
Katelyn Musch  
Tyler Musch  
Jessica Myers  
Marissa Myers  
Emily Neely  
Kirsten Nelson

Tabitha Newcomb  
Ashley Newton  
Rebecca Nichols  
Nicholas O'Neal  
Dustin Ogilvie  
Colleen Olive  
Marcela Ontiveros

Nathan Ooms  
Kelsey Osborn  
Zachary Overby  
Kevin Owens  
Douglas Parcel  
Samuel Parker  
Sarah Parketon

Dillon Partin  
Katrice Patrick  
Jacob Patzschke  
Antonio Perez  
Dennis Perez  
Jose Perez  
Diane Peterson

Daniel Petterle  
Joshua Pilachowski  
Amber Plummer  
Shayna Polomchak  
Stacy Prairie  
Kevin Pressnell  
Christian Pritchett

Nicholas Protrick  
Paige Quesnell  
Gabriela Ramos  
Kathleen Randolph  
Michelle Randolph  
John Rawlings  
Ashley Rector

*What is something  
you could not live  
without and why?*

"I simply couldn't live without video games. It may seem like something totally pointless, but they're like an escape from reality that throw you into the role of a hero, and I love the feeling that gives me."

**-Ashley Daniels**

"My grandpa. He is the most important person in my life. He has been my best friend since the day I was born and always will be my best friend ever. I Love You Grandpa!!!"

**Lauren Freeze**

"I couldn't live without my friends because they keep me out of trouble. Well, they do most of the time."

**Kenneth Higgerson**

Cortney Reese  
Richard Rescan  
Justin Reuhl  
Austin Ridge  
Wyatt Riley  
Joseph Rish  
Leann Risner



Taylor Risner  
Sergio Rodriguez  
Calvin Saltzman  
Andria Sanchez  
Randie Sanchez  
Adrienne Saunders  
Micah Schaefer



Alexa Schiavone  
Corey Schneider  
Dustin Schultz  
Stephen Sebben  
Danielle Sell  
Justin Shepard  
Anthony Shevock



Anthony Shields  
Victoria Sholey  
Ryan Simnick  
Terah Slawnikowski  
Derek Smenyak  
Ginger Snow  
Natalie Spaniol



Ethan Stach  
Meghan Stalbaum  
Brittany Stall  
Russell Stassin  
Zachary Steffel  
Anna Stoermann  
Cody Stovall



Kory Stovall  
Brittini Straley  
Brandon Suprenant  
Ellaree Swim  
Rebecca Szostek  
Alexander Tapp  
Hans Taylor



Jessica Tendeck  
Robert Thomas  
Katelynn Thys  
Caleb Tillema  
Samantha Trainor  
Sydni Troy  
Chet Turnbeaugh



Listening carefully, Jessica Tendeck practices her CPR on an adult mannequin. In Advanced Aquatics class, students learned how to perform CPR on adult, child and infant mannequins. They also learned and practiced other lifesaving techniques that lifeguards need in their knowledge bank.



**Not Pictured:** Ashley Harper, Brittney Marsh, Gabrielle Niles, Ryan Parker, Gabriel Ramos, Brittany Scott, Katherine Valcich, Nathan Warzak, Cody Webber, Katherine Wheel, and Jessica Wilson.

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Angel Zentz  
Kyle Zylstra

Steven Upthegrove  
Jessica Urbina-Diaz  
Carlos Valenzuela  
Joseph Valois  
Bradley Vansoest  
Jessica Vanvuren  
Kara Veal

Faith Vires  
Jonathan Vogt  
Eric Volk  
Nickolis Voris  
Benjamin Ward  
Samantha Watson  
Alexander Watts

Brent Webster  
Dorothy Weishaar  
Dakota Wendt  
Trisha Whitaker  
Brittany White  
Tara White  
Whitney Whitesell

Clara Wiczorek  
Adam Williams  
Shire Williams  
Stephanie Williams  
Trevor Williams  
Jordan Williamson  
Joshua Winstead

Justin Winstead  
Bobbi Winters  
Brooke Wireman  
Tessa Wisdom  
Jay Witvoet  
Casey Wolfe  
Justin Wright

Shyanne Wright  
Nicholas Wyrick  
Brianna Yarchan  
Emily Young  
Kiara Young  
Ashley Zaremba  
Jose Zavala

What motto  
directs your  
life?

"Endure the storm just  
one more day so you  
may fully appreciate the  
calm."

-Angela Boezeman

"Time doesn't change  
things; doing things  
changes things."

-Tabitha Newcomb

"Life is made up of a lit-  
tle imagination. The rest  
of life is painted with a  
little science-fiction."

-Dustin Olgilvie

"Don't let anyone put  
you down. Only you can  
decide who you want to  
be!!!"

-Carlos Valenzuela

"Veni, Vidi, Vici" when  
translated from Latin to  
English means, "I came,  
I saw, I conquered."

-Dillion Partin

"Today is the tomorrow  
that you worried about  
yesterday."

-Kai Justice

Kevin Abbott  
Joshua Adank  
Emma Allen  
Samantha D. Allen  
Robert Anderson  
Paige Arehart  
Jeremy Asbridge

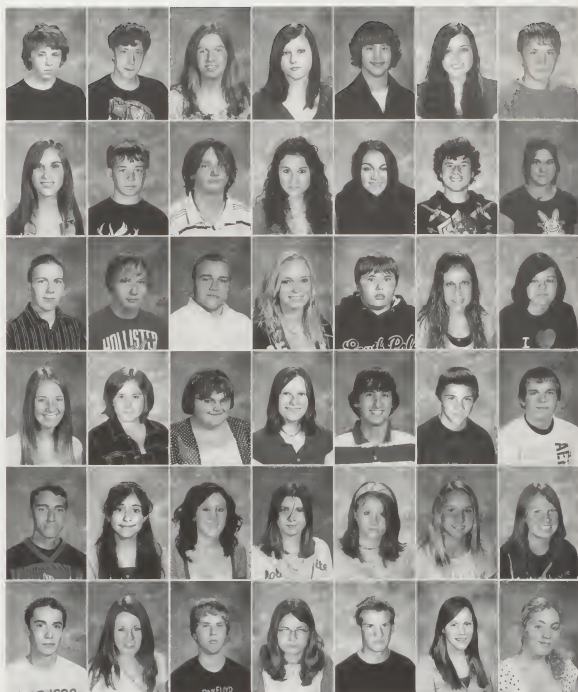
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Justin Bassett  
Brandon Bencze  
Katelyn Berdine  
Michelle Berns  
Aaron Betancourt  
Pamela Billingsley

Dustin Blanton  
Kevin Bobby  
Nicholas Bobis  
Tabitha Boerema  
Corey Bohannon  
Mandi Bolton  
Dayna Boswell

Taylor Brodner  
Lindsey Brown  
Ashley Bryson  
Kelsey Bugg  
Michael Burk  
Trevor Butler  
Tyler Cambe

Matthew Carlton  
Yessenia Castillo  
Taylor Cavinder  
Hayleigh Chadwick  
Sarah Chadwick  
Breanne Chevrette  
Jessica Cilek

Justin Cleveland  
Courtney Coffey  
Nicholas Cohn  
Shasta Collins  
Jeremy Conley  
Tiffany Conley  
Brittany Cook



## Class of 2011 has a fun-filled first year of high school

Class of 2011 consisted of 292 students. When asked if she thought being in the Academy was helpful, Jordan Smith said, "It definitely gives us the help that we need, but it scares me that maybe because this is so easy, that we aren't fully prepared for the work we'll get next year."

Freshmen were put

into KAD (Kougar Activity Day) classes where Super Student Sidekicks came in to offer help and have fun. They were older students who helped freshmen with certain topics or problems including how to relieve stress, how to deal with bullies, and how to find a career that interested them. "They are teaching us things that

we need to know as we continue into high school," said Blake Scheurich.

Freshman class officers included Seth Raebel as the president, Breanne Jungles as vice president, Courtney Coffey as treasurer, and Erica Patton as the secretary. When asked what made him want to be a class officer, Seth Raebel

said, "Well, there were two things. One was the ability to compete against my brother in spirit week, the other was that I thought it would be fun to do. I also had some influence from my friends." Class sponsor was Ms. Sara Hanyzewski.

**By: Grace Gidley and  
Amber Scesney**





Jacey Coppage  
Hannah Crane  
Randi Crim  
Morgan Cullings  
Evan Dahm  
Kyle Dehning  
Daniel Delotte

Derrick Dekock  
Dakota Dellahan  
William Dewitt  
Coltin Deyoung  
Alisha Drescher  
Jessica Dryer  
Shanda Dunham

Kelly Dykstra  
Taylor Eck  
Rachel Ellenson  
Derek Erny  
Michael Ervin  
Jacob Erwin  
Trevor Fase

Kayla Fieldhouse  
Sarah Fields-Shrewsbury  
Joseph Forden  
Kristin Fritts  
Alyssa Gann  
Lisa Gately  
Chelsea Geesa

Sarah George  
Ashley Gething  
Grace Gidley  
Korin Giglio  
Joey Gilbert  
Allison Goetz  
Ana Gonzalez

Robert Griffith  
Carly Grover  
Kendra Groves  
Joseph Guajardo  
Alexandria Gudorf  
Elicia Gunter  
Phillip Guzman

Kyle Hanaway  
Cameron Hanewick  
Kraig Hausenfleck  
Cody Hayworth  
Ryan Helton  
Natalie Henning  
Jennifer Hensley

## Collectors:

*Can you match the collections to the classmates?*

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| 1) Swords                                       | a) Kimberly Proud    |
| 2) Spiderman Comics                             | b) Kristen Axtell    |
| 3) Puzzles                                      | c) Jon Quesnell      |
| 4) Pokemon cards, Harry Potter & Japanese stuff | d) Shanelle McKinney |
| 5) Rocks  | e) Lindsey Brown     |
| 6) Stickers                                     | f) Katey Powell      |

"I collect jigsaw puzzles and mind-benders." - Katey Powell  
 "My collection is all kinds of swords." - Jon Quesnell  
 "I collect comics of Spiderman." - Kimberly Proud  
 "I love to collect stickers of all types." - Shanelle McKinney  
 "Yes, I have to admit, I collect rocks." - Kristen Axtell  
 "I have to admit, I collect rocks." - Lindsey Brown  
 "I love to collect stickers of all types." - Shanelle McKinney  
 "I collect comics of Spiderman." - Kimberly Proud  
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**Answers**

Paola Hernandez  
Teresa Jill Hester  
Nickolas Hillers  
Eric Hilton  
Hillary Hoffman  
Joshua Hoffman  
Trevor Hoffman

Cody Adam Hubbard  
Anna Hufnagel  
Amanda Isajewicz  
Zachary Ivanov  
Cody James  
Danny James  
Milica Jankovic

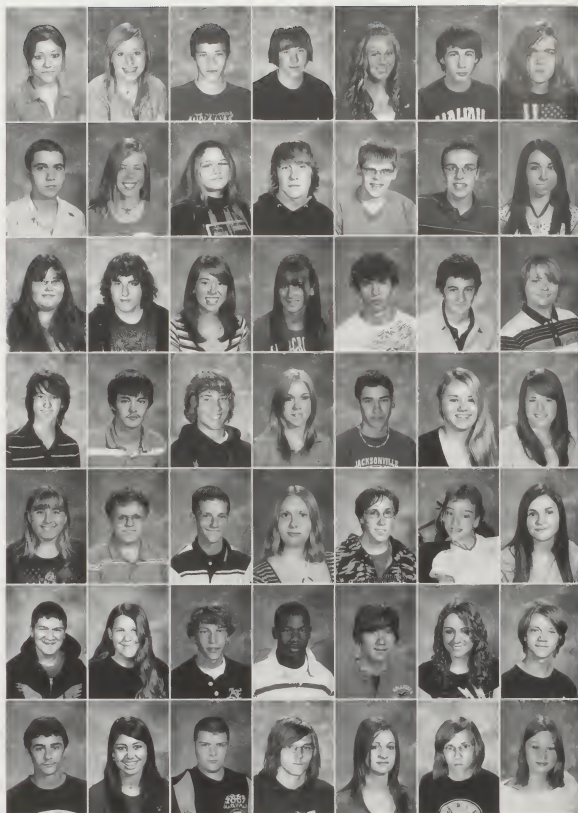
Kaylee Jenkins  
Justin Johnson  
Breanne Jonkman  
Brieanne Jungels  
Robert Kaniuk  
Urban Jason Keilmak  
Jesse Kendall

Zackary Kerkes  
Dalton Kerns  
Chadd Ketchem  
Larissa Klemp  
Ian Klicek  
Ashley Klisurich  
Jennavieve Kolb

Megan Kralik  
Matthew Krupa  
Anthony Kyle  
Corissa Lalrenz  
Christopher Aar Landis  
Lisaanne Lane  
Angela Leal

Angelo Leal  
Katherine Leath  
Bradley Leegwater  
Lee Lewis  
Zackory Lotz  
Danielle Lovely  
Jeremy Lunsford

Craig Mackey  
Neisha Maisonet  
Ryan Mann  
Robert Manns  
Catherine Marich  
David Marshall  
Renee Martin



## Can You Believe What They Did?

I tripped over a trash can in the middle of class.- *Neisha Maisonet.*

I got locked in the bathroom, and I missed a class.-*Abbey Mckee.*  
Everyone in the class yelled my name at once. I wasn't paying attention.

Too busy taking notes, I guess.-*Sarah Fields Shrewsbury*

I was at Bazz's wearing parachute pants skating backwards and my pants caught the wheels, and I fell.

The fall broke the button and the zipper on my pants- *Amanda Ooms*

A week into my freshman year I went into a different language class- *Edward Wilson*

When I was getting ready for school and waiting for the bus when there was no school.-*Trevor Fase*



Mitchell Mathis  
Autumn Matson  
Elizabeth Matson  
Dakota Albert Maze  
Makenzie Mazbrook  
Alysha McDaniel  
Abbey McKee

Shanelle McKinney  
Gretchen McLoughlin  
Ryan Mihalovits  
Chelsa Miller  
Jordan Miller  
Elizebeth Minya  
Brittany Molden

Aaron Monroe  
Jacqueline Moreno  
Shannon Morrison  
Jordan Morse  
Marvin Mullins  
Matthew Mulloy  
Kaytlin Musch

Allison Myers  
Melissa Myers  
Lee Nava  
Cody Nelms  
Derick Nelson  
Brittney Newbury  
Andrew Niehoff

Danielle Nordengreen  
Candace Northcutt  
Tiffanie Nutt  
Coty Nystrom  
Carli Oney  
Aron Ontiveros  
Amanda Ooms

Austin Oosterhoff  
Stephanie Orellana  
Amanda Owens  
Brandon Oxley  
Nicole Palmer  
Carly Parks  
Kaitlyn Patillo

Dylan Patrick  
Taylor Patrick  
Erica Patton  
John Paul  
Bradley Paulus  
Dulce Perez  
Ashley Peterson

What  
Couldn't  
You Live  
Without?

We asked what one thing freshmen  
couldn't live without their freshmen year.  
Out of 175 students surveyed,  
75% said friends  
9% said iPod's  
6% said other  
5% said cell phones  
5% said boyfriend/girlfriend



"I like to bring my own lunch  
because it has a better selection,"  
said James Sonntag, who is talk-  
ing to Robert Kaniuk.

Lexis Petsalis  
Colt Phelps  
Kassandra Platt  
Chelsi Polletta  
Michael Polomchak  
Alexandria Poole  
Brianna Pope

Katey Powell  
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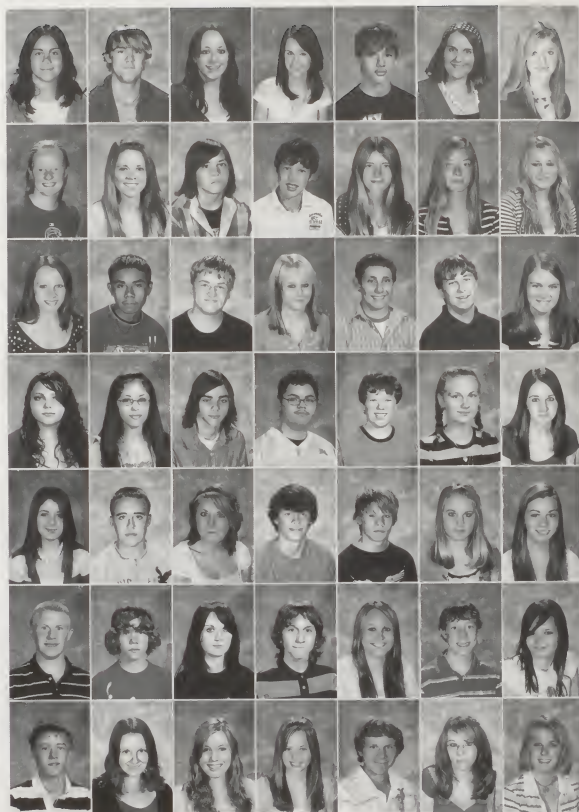
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Soren Rinker  
Jessica Risner  
Tyler Roe  
Caleb Roorda  
Miranda Rozhon

Natasha Rupert  
Dulce Ruvalcaba  
Nicholas Saliga  
Jacob Saltarski  
Derek Sampson  
Hayley Sanchez  
Megan Sanders

Amber Scesney  
Blake Scheurich  
Katelyn Schultz  
Ryan Schultz  
Dillon Sears  
Erin Seaton  
Lauren Shea

Christopher Shear  
Nicholas Shearer  
Jessi Shepard  
Zackary Shonk  
Karrington Shults  
Tyler Simmons-Eakin  
Jenna Singel

Robert Sittima  
Jessica Skrobul  
Jordan Smith  
Megan Smith  
Nicholas Smith  
Sabrina Rhianna Smith  
Katheryn Snowden



## Freshmen with a Funny Bone

Derrick Sears, he is always messing around and scares people in the hallway before school.

Mr. Vanderlaan makes me laugh because of his George Bush impersonation.

Chadd Ketchum, he acts like a little kid.

Katie Rauscher makes me laugh because she is my best friend, and she tries to be funny, and that just makes her funnier. She also sometimes falls, and that is really funny.





John Sobierajski  
Brittney Sokol  
James Sonntag  
Cody Sparger  
Sasha Spencer  
Sarah Srebalus  
Allison Stanton

Robin Starr  
Kay Starzynski  
Ashley Stately  
Jennifer Stewart  
Anthony Stone  
Matthew Sullivan  
Samantha Sullivan

Alexander Sutton  
Savanna Sweet  
Morganne Sytsma  
Jessica Taulbee  
Caleb Thomasson  
Michael Tilley  
Stephanie Tokarz

Raechel Tolnay  
Lauren Tucker  
Olivia Tuiono  
Aaron Uzzle  
Jasen Vandermolen  
Bo Vanderwoude  
Jimmy Veal

Brett Volk  
Alexander Walker  
Chloe Wallace  
Micah Wallace  
Marissa Warren  
Nicholas Watkins  
Abigail Wilder

Edward Wilson  
Steven Wilson  
Heather Wireman  
Kirstin Wireman  
Stephanie Wright  
Jorge Zaragoza  
Max Zylstra



Enjoying time with his friends, freshman Urban Jason Keilman ate during C-lunch.

Left: Laughing as she talks to her friends, Kendra Groves walks to class during the passing period.



Class officers: Vice President Breanne Jungles, Treasurer Courtney Coffey and Secretary Erica Patton. These three support their Class President Seth Raebel.

Tim Adams  
*English*  
Phillip Apple  
*Principal*  
Melodi Belei  
*English*  
Chris Betts  
*Sp. Needs Aide*  
Nicholas Boersma  
*Asst. Band*



Matt Bristol  
*Tech Asst.*  
Heather Carey  
*French*  
Hallie Chicki  
*English*  
Anna Daniels  
*ISTEP*  
Bill Darnell  
*Choir*



Barbara Deardorff  
*Science*  
Dawn Deiotte  
*Sp. Needs Aide*  
Sheila DeYoung  
*Treasurer*  
Terri Dickerson  
*Sp. Needs Aide*  
Connie Dolan  
*Sp. Needs Aide*



Elaine Dykstra  
*Indian Trails Aide*  
Kathy Eckert  
*English*  
Paul Epley  
*Special Needs*  
Kathy Ferguson  
*Sp. Needs Aide*  
Kay Forsythe  
*Sp. Needs Aide*



Front Row: Donna Jonkman, Jean Kosik, Stacey Sanchez, Linda Hazelgrove, Lauda Whited, Louise Howard, Michelle Burns, Gladys Mathis, Linda Gatlin. Back row from left: Barb Matusiak, Connie Altman, Gloria Sullivan, Sue Christopher, Julie Gooden, Deb Recker, Bobbi Ketchum, Ruth Myers, Angela Hudspeth.

*Q. What has been your most unique teaching experience?*

Getting my hand broken while protecting a student from a chair that was thrown at him by another student.

-Mr. Paul Smriga

I have now taught the children of people I graduated with.

-Mr. John Spinks Jr.

Once I had a parent call me at 3:30 am to ask a question about his son's assignment. He acted as if he was calling at 8 pm.

-Mrs. Tara Kingma



Superintendent Dr. Glen Krueger works on improvements for the school system. Under his direction, our school received a state of the art ecologically friendly heating and cooling system, as well as motion sensor lights which were designed to shut off when there was no one in the room. This helped save energy and reduce pollution from power plants.

# Staff



**Jennifer Geiselman**

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**Lynn Glinzer**

*Business*

**Nancy Gluth**

*Alt. School*

**John Gray**

*Math*

**Doug Greenlee**

*Athletic Director*

**Tresa Groet**

*Home Ec.*

**Sue Hanley**

*P.E./Health*

**Sara Hanyzewski**

*Social Studies*

**Bob Held**

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*Math*

**Karan Howard**

*Math*

**Steve Inman**

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*ESL Aide*

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*Math*

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**Julie Martin**

*Sp. Needs Aide*

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*German*

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*Special Needs*

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 Jeff Moolenaar  
*Law Enforcement*  
 Kevin Mulvihill  
*Building Trades*  
 Marlene Myers  
*Sp. Needs Aide*  
 Ryan Myers  
*Technology*



Allen Nagel  
*Math*  
 Paul Norwine  
*Social Studies*  
 Greg Oliver  
*Special Needs*  
 Laurie Patrick  
*Atten. Secretary*  
 Sara Patterson  
*Science*



Mike Peo  
*Social Studies*  
 Deanise Pollard  
*Sp. Needs Aide*  
 John Price  
*Science*  
 Pat Price  
*Social Studies*  
 Debbie Price  
*Pianist*



Katie Przybylski

*Art*  
 Greg Pulido  
*Technology/Asst.*  
 Melissa Richie  
*Guidance*  
 Dan Roberts  
*P.E./Health*  
 Judy Roberts  
*Math*



Rozanne Sanders  
*Media Secretary*  
 Andrea Scheidt  
*Nurse*  
 Sandy Schenher  
*Guidance*  
 Shannon Scheurich  
*Tech Secretary*  
 Jennifer Schroeder  
*Home Economics*



Bill Shepherd  
*Math*  
 Marti Sherwood  
*Science*  
 Sheila Shields  
*Sp. Needs Aide*  
 Guy Skrobol  
*Asst. Principal*  
 Gwyn Skrobol  
*Social Studies*



Kristi Slaby  
*Science*  
 Gayle Smith  
*Spanish*  
 Paul Smriga  
*In School Suspension*  
 Donna Sohn  
*Study Hall Aide*  
 John Spinks Jr.  
*English*





# Staff ; Board leads KV to new heights

Corporation Staff - From left: Linda Howard - Food Service Director, School Board Members - Front Row: Mr. Jason Wallace - Member, Dr. Glen Krueger - Superintendent, Sharon Sanelli - Assistant Superintendent/Director of Transportation, Carol Deardorff - Corporation Treasurer, Kim Mount - Assistant Treasurer, Carol Risner - Corporation Secretary, Bill Orsburn - Director of Finances

John Jungles - Member



Mary Spurgeon  
Guidance Secretary  
Ken Steidle  
Band Director  
Sharon Steidle  
Health Occupations  
Lottie Stein  
Sp. Needs Aide  
Jill Steiner  
English/Drama



Kevin Stephens  
Swimming/P.E.  
Dennis Sterrett  
Science  
Christy Stoermann  
At Risk Aide  
Debbie Turpin  
Secretary  
Nancy Valenkamph  
Sp. Needs Aide



John Vanderlaan  
Social Studies  
Jim Wickstrom  
Alternative School  
Gail Woolever  
Art  
Diana Zacher  
Business  
Donna Zuchowski  
Athletic Office Secretary



Running the Media Center takes time and talent. Media Specialist Mr. Ron McAtee not only buys books and equipment, he also researches changes in the research forum, explains the system to freshmen, monitors the Super Senior section of the website and reads books. He recommended the new graphic novels and spearheaded the formation of the Book Club during KAD.

Q. What is your best memory from when you were in high school?  
Playing Football and paying \$1.08 for a gallon of gas! Mr. Mike Peo

Winning the girls basketball Sectional. Mrs. Kathy Eckert

Truthfully, my math teacher. He was a crabby ex-military guy, but he was a fantastic teacher, and the funnest man I have ever met. "Yay Brunedog."

-Mr. Dennis Sterrett



# EXPOSED\*



Senior Mercedes Nielsen



Sophomores Danielle Stall, Heidi Mausezahl, and Whitney Whitesell



Freshman Jessica Risler



Junior Shawn McDaniel



Sophomore Tawneezy Bahirka



Sophomore Samuel Parker

\* Academics are defined as the scholarly activities of a school, as classroom studies or research projects. Academics have taught us basic knowledge to start our careers. Some classes that have helped students focus included Project Lead The Way, Law Enforcement, Health Occupations, Building Trades, and Welding.

Sophomore Brandon Suprenaut



Sophomore Savannah Mick



Senior Lauren Leegwater



Sophomore Stephen Bachle

Students participated in art classes like Drawing I and Drawing II, Introduction to 2-D Art, Fibers and Advanced Fibers, Photography, Ceramics I, Media Arts I, Graphic Arts, 3-D Art, and Art History.

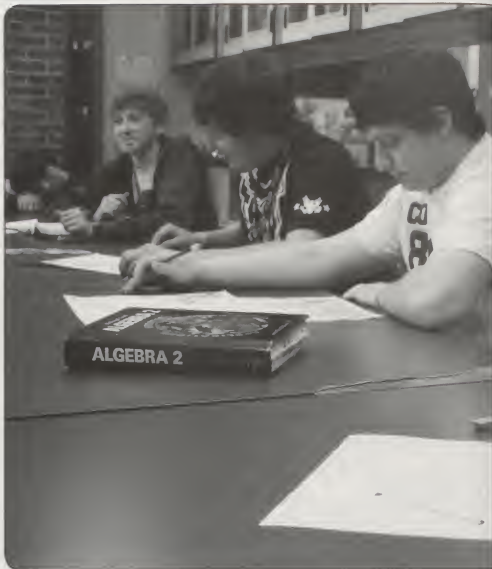
Senior Sara Little said she took Art History because she, "enjoyed learning about the past. Art History was a good opportunity for me to learn about things that mattered." The students explored different eras of art, and what characterized each time.

"My favorite aspect of Drawing class," said sophomore Brandon Suprenaut, "were the projects. They allowed me to show my creativity and spirit." Suprenaut was in Mrs. Sarah Miller's class, which worked on projects like self portraits, cartoons, landscapes, animals, and still lifes in different mediums-graphite, oil pastels, colored pencils, markers, and more.

In 3-D Art, one of the projects were people made of saran wrap and glue. They worked on these "people" in their 7th hour class. They wrapped parts of their body-their hands, feet, and legs-in saran wrap. Once they had all their body parts wrapped, they put them all together. They positioned the bodies to make them seem like they were doing different things or facing in odd positions.

When Mrs. Thilges was asked about the best part of teaching her students, she replied, "The best part had to be watching the students take other students through the steps of a project. Seeing the amazing results of their cooperation was great. Getting to know my students was also very special to me."

Art classes allowed students to express their creativity and emotions through paint, plaster, clay, realistic people or cartoons, landscapes or portraits. Senior Rachel Uildriks summed it up with a simple, "Drawing is fun."



Stephanie Boissy, a junior, works on her crochet project in Fibers class. Over the course of the class, students complet

ed projects like macrame, coil baskets, latch hooks, knitting, crochet, tapestry weaving, dream catchers, and tie dye.

## \*SELF EXPRESSION FOR THE MASSES





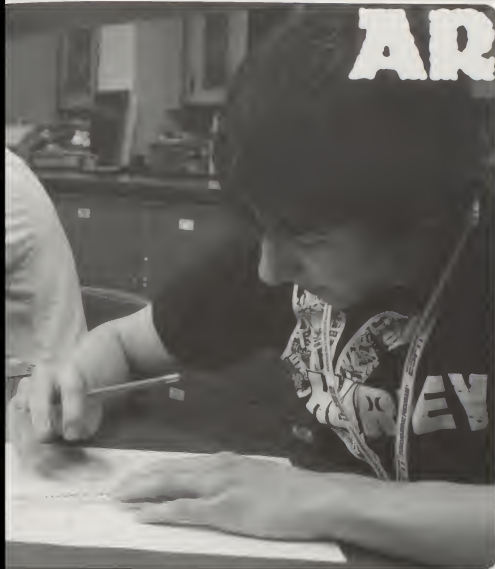
Junior Alexandria Kirshner



Senior Francisco Rodriguez  
and senior Julian Zavala

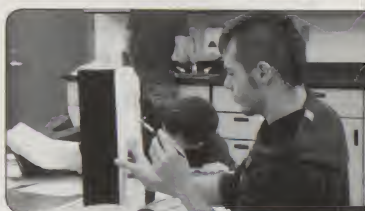
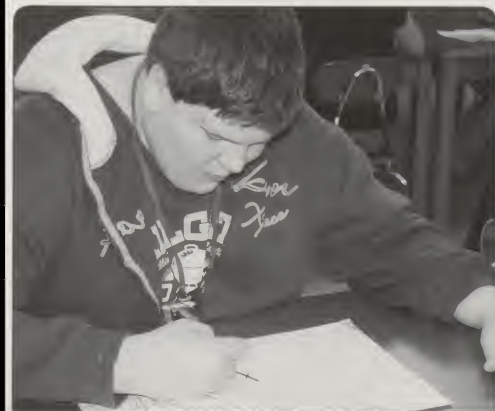
By: Morgan Myers

# ART\*ART\*



Senior Daniel Heflin, junior Michael Orsburn, junior Christopher Cooper, and sophomore Kyle Higgins, in Drawing I class, work on their pictures. They were supposed to draw a room to scale with at least three pieces of furniture.

At the display in Saint Joseph's college, senior Rachel Uildriks showcases her drawing in Renaissance for the Prairie Arts Council art show. Rachel was chosen for an Honorable Mention award for her work.



In 3-D art class, sophomore Ryan Simnick works on his 3-D Logo design. The students made different painted logo designs out of materials that they glued and plastered together themselves.

Sketching in Mrs. Sarah Miller's Drawing I class is sophomore Kevin Owens. The students worked on different projects like self portraits, animals, cartoons, and landscapes to explore the different aspects of art.

Senior Jacob Kaluf



Tabitha Newcomb-10



Thomas Terrell-12



● "I really enjoyed all my business classes in high school, and my business teacher encouraged me to go to college and major in Business education," said Mrs. Lynn Ginzer.

● Business classes were courses students took to get ahead of the game. Some business courses gave teens a college credit.

● Through computer classes, students learned the various software such as Word Excel, Access, and Power Point.

● In the DCT class students had an actual hands-on experience working with PDAS, Speech recognition, and handwriting recognition via the computer.

● Computer skills are reviewed and enhanced.

● "Vocational Business Technology Lab was designed specifically around a student's career goals. They are given an opportunity through project based learning to perform skills such as those that would be required for certain careers. There is no limit as to the types of careers they may explore: teaching, medical, legal, sales, accounting, management, banking, insurance ( the list goes on and on.)," said business teacher Mrs. Diana Zacher.

● Many of the classes that are offered are "feeder" classes into Business Technology Lab.

● In Business law, accounting, and business fundamentals, students had an opportunity to learn about careers in each discipline.

● When they get to the Business Technology Lab, they were actually doing the type of work found in those classes.

● Business classes were courses for students to learn how to balance check books and finances, prepare secretarial documents and learn how to talk business with people.

● Business courses were taken for students to learn how businesses really worked in the real world.

● Students had the chance to take things to the next level by learning the different types of businesses.



As seniors Alexa Murray and Holly Kampenga, sophomore Tabitha Newcomb and junior Jennifer Nee quietly

listen to Mrs. Lynn Ginzer, they are learning one of the basics of foundations of business: active listening.

## \*FUTURE BUSINESS WORKERS



Cheyenne Starkey-11



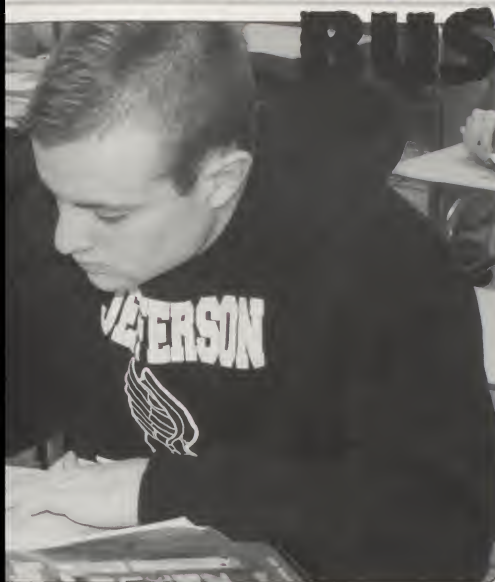
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Angela Bozeman-10

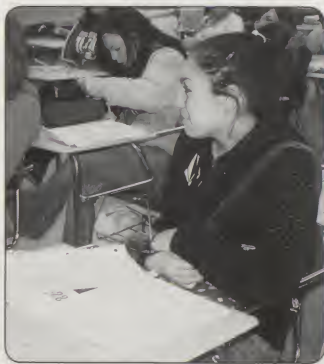
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# BUSINESS\*



"I considered accounting because I am thinking about going into business after high school. This class is a great class to get ready for college," said junior Larry Hesh.

Listening to Mrs. Lynn Ginzer's lecture, students in Foundations of Business, including freshman Michelle Berns, sit quietly. Business methodology was studied through various projects and guest speakers.



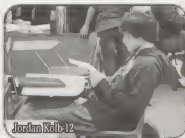
Working on his project, sophomore Blaine Cochran, tries to get it done before the end of the hour. Mrs. Zacher's computer class did many different projects on powerpoint, voice recognition, and Excel.

Junior Amanda Peters waits for Mrs. Ginzer to tell them the page to which they should refer for the next assignment. "I like that we learn things to help us out in the world because business is all around us," said Amanda.

Senior Ryan Pruitt



Chayton Raithe-12  
Danielle Miller-12



Jordan Kolb-12



Nicole Manning-12

● In Health Occupation, Law Enforcement, and Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education programs, students discussed and experienced exactly what they would be doing if they were going into this particular line of work.

● Health Occupations was taught by Mrs. Sharon Steidle. The class focused on different medical centers where students learned what it would be like to become a nurse, doctor, or other health professional.

● Senior Lauren Hale said, "The one thing I am never going to forget about Health Occ. is all of us piling up into one car and going to clinicals. It was so much fun."

● Law Enforcement was taught by Mr. Jeff Moolenaar.

● Students learned what they would do if they wanted to be court reporters, lawyers, paralegals, legal assistants, police officers, detectives, or probation officers.

● Some of the many things students learned how to do was properly handcuff someone, how to tell if someone was lying, and how to properly handle a loaded gun.

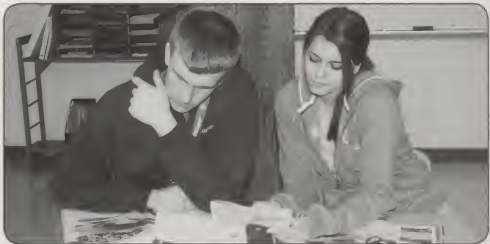
● The class was also offered a chance to actually use a fake gun in a simulator. A simulator allowed them to go through different scenarios where a gun was used in a bank robbery, pulling someone over, or a bar fight.

● Senior Ryan Pruitt said, "The thing I'm never going to forget is the gun simulator because we actually got a chance to see what it would be like to be in that kind of situation before we were on a real job."

● In the ICE program, taught by Ms. Tresa Groet, students left school after fifth hour and went to work.

● Some students had jobs such as working at Petland, Schnicks, the Dairy farms, or Burger King.

● The students talked about what they liked and disliked about their career choices. Senior Tasha Jones said, "The one thing I missed the most was Ms. Groet. Once she was gone, we realized how much fun we had had with her as our instructor."



Seniors Nathan Kats and Tasha Jones help each other with their respective homework in Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (ICE) class. Kats said, "Being

in ICE was a lot of fun. I liked listening to what other people had to do for their jobs, and I loved the fact that we got to leave early."

## \* GETTING A REALISTIC JUMP ON CAREERS





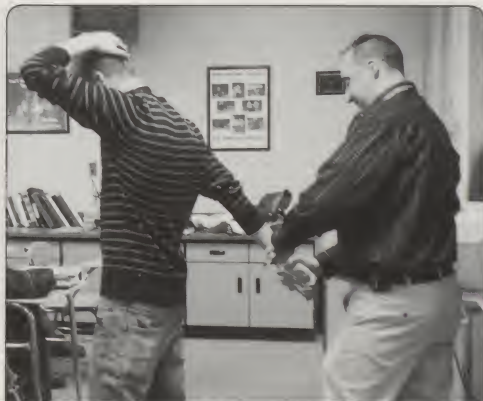
By: Brittany Coffey

# CAREER\*



Seniors Jillian Conley, Page Walczak, Kelsey Allen, and Julie Dykstra check each other's blood pressure. This was one job they were allowed to do in clinicals on the elderly.

Tucking a patient into bed was just one of the many tasks senior Corinne Janavich had to do in clinicals. Janavich said, "I really enjoyed clinicals because I love helping the elderly out."



Seniors Jillian Conley, Julie Dykstra, and Corinne Janavich practice doing CPR on each other, Conley said. "I really liked Health Occupations because I could see the profession I was going into before I actually went into it."

In his Law Enforcement class, Mr. Jeff Moolenaar teaches the students how to properly put handcuffs on an individual. He demonstrated on senior John Laski.

Victor the Bear who replies in Room 212 is taken out by students for extra credit. Students wrote about their adventures with Victor in a Journal.



Gretchen McLoughlin-9



Donald Cepuch-11



Stephanie Kingma-11

Freshmen studied *Romeo and Juliet*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, short stories, and composition and grammatical techniques. Freshman Breanne Chevette, enrolled in Mr. John Spinks' English 9 class, said, "In class we read a lot of stories, but my favorite had to be the play *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*. I liked it so much because it's a love story."

Sophomore Honors read several different genres including the plays *The Crucible*, *Julius Caesar*, and novels *Huckleberry Finn* and *The Great Gatsby*.

In standard Sophomore English students focused on *Julius Caesar* and *Antigone* as well as myths, legends and writing.

In grammar they learned to support a thesis statement with a minimum of three specific examples and quotes. Sophomore Amy Conley added, "My favorite part of English class is doing the different activities and reading new poems and different stories."

AP classes read college level literary merit novels, such as *Brave New World* and an assortment of poems. When asked what she thought about the stories, junior Stephanie Kingma responded with a laugh, "They are weird, disturbing stories that never end well."

*Huckleberry Finn*, along with various short stories, was read by the English 11 students. In Mrs. Hallie Chick's classes, students were required to choose a project. Junior Brent Kikert decided to build a raft for his project.

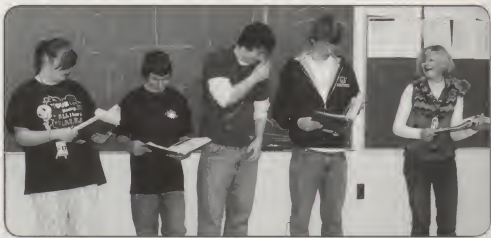
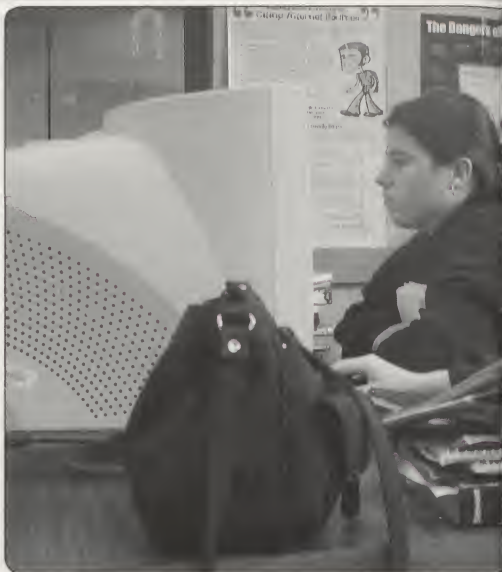
Katy Howard, who enjoyed performing on stage with her friends, said, "It was fun to dress up and bring back the 20's style with my friends." They studied *The Great Gatsby*.

Speech classes learned about all of the different kinds of speeches, and how to adapt them to their full potential in all kinds of different situations.

Film Literature students applied their knowledge of story boards and the importance of angles when they shot their own movie in the spring.

Dramatic Literature studied plays, literary art, and the different parts of the history of drama.

Chloe Wallenstein, a junior, sang in a twenties performance for her class. Chloe said, "I was completely nervous before I performed, shaking and what not. Afterwards, I was glad it was over with. I was also embarrassed, because I forgot some words."



Freshmen Melissa Myers, Anthony Stone, Dylan Patrick, Steven Wilson, and Kaytlin Musch are acting out the characters in William

Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*. Melissa, who played Juliet, completed her Shakespearean image with a British accent.

## \*ENGLISH, DRAMA LIT, FILM LIT, SPEECH



Gregory Boerfling

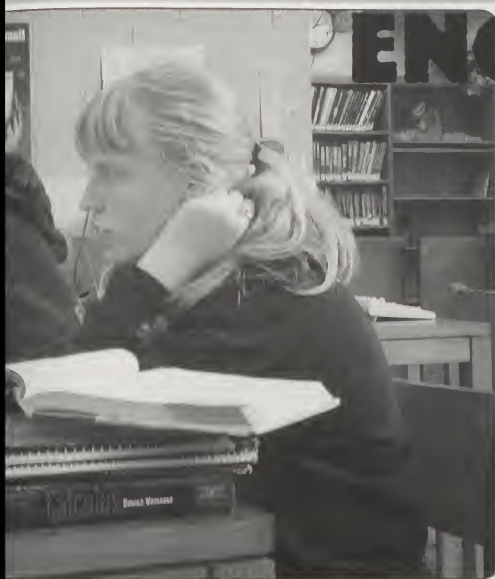


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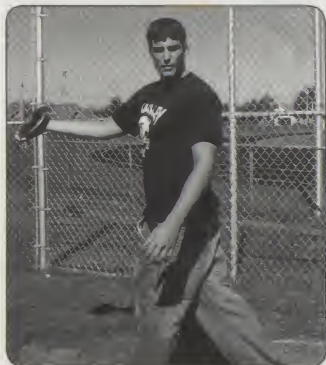
By Grace Gidley



# ENGLISH\*

Seniors Brianna Patton and Bethany Ferguson work on homework while in the Media Center. The Media Center was a great place for students to find sources in books, magazines, and online for any project they needed accomplished.

Giving a demonstration on shotput, senior William Recker took Mrs. Hallie Chicki's class outside by the track in order to show the needed form and throw for the sport for his class project.



Senior Hannah Sparks gives a demonstration with hand puppets. Hannah's puppet play was over the Salem Witch Trials. This demonstration was for Mrs. Kathy Eckert's Honors English 12 class.

Taking center stage as flappers for Lady Marmalade, juniors in Mrs. Hallie Chicki's class depicted life in the 20's as part of their reenactment of Gatsby's parties in their study of Fitzgerald's novel.

Junior Rebecca Eenigenburg and senior Jessica Byron.



- Foreign Language classes consisted of Spanish, French and German at all four levels.
- Mrs. Gayle Smith, who taught a number of Spanish classes, said, "I incorporated more speaking activities at all levels." Smith taught Spanish I, II, and III.
- Spanish classes performed puppet shows, plays, commercials, restaurant skits, wrote autobiographies, and recipes, cooked cultural food, and gave dance demonstrations in Espanol.

● All the Spanish classes celebrated Dia de Los Muertos or Day of the Dead and Cinco De Mayo (Independence Day) which is May 5.

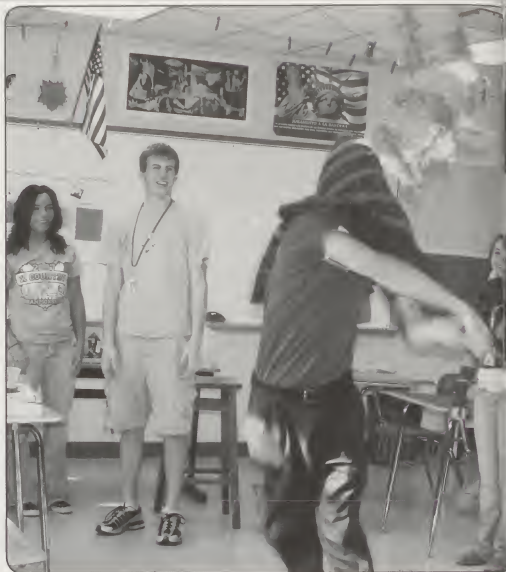
● In November, Spanish IV went to the Fred Astaire dance Studios to learn Latin dance steps, and in April Ms. Heather Lyons and Mrs. Gayle Smith took Spanish III and IV to El Restaurante Don Quijote in Valparaiso to eat authentic Spanish cuisine and watch Flenenco dancing.

● German classes were taught by Mrs. Kay Masten. The class played a lot of games such as spitball, Penny Waddle and Flyswatter. The classes would also make authentic food to eat on special occasions.

● Senior Megan Schrombedic said, "I really enjoyed my class because we joked around. That made it bearable."

● French classes were run by Mrs. Heather Carey. They were taught a lot about different cultural celebrations, as well as making and eating a wide assortment of French cuisine.

● Students could take four years of a foreign language.

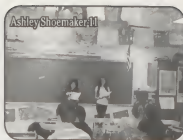


Resting after learning new moves at Fred Astaire Dance Studio are seniors Brent Scamihorn and Daniel Correa, Daniel Blanton, as well as seniors Adam Betancourt,

Jonathon Clifford, and David Myers. The boys catch their breath before the next number. Students were there to learn popular Latin dances.

**\*BONJOUR, MON AMIE! HOLA! GUTEN TAG!!**





by: Brittany Mann

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE\*



Junior Kyle DeYoung breaks the pinata and releases the candy, which fell on the floor. The students rushed to the broken horse to pick up the sweet treats.

While at the Dance Studio, seniors David Myers and Marissa Tillema are taught new Latin moves. They enjoyed learning cultural dance steps.



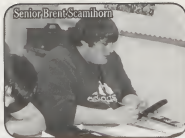
Junior Callie Fritz swings and nearly hits the pinata. The students had to put a jacket over her eyes so she couldn't see where she was going.

Dancing to music and speaking lines, sophomores Dennis Perez and Zachary Overby perform their skit on buying a pinata and blanket from the store.

Freshman Megan Smith



Sophomore Branne Pope



Senior Brent Scanlon



● Mr. John Gray's second semester Geometry classes made tessellations for a 100 point project.

● "I liked to do the tessellation project because it is something that is covered in the book, and it is a good way

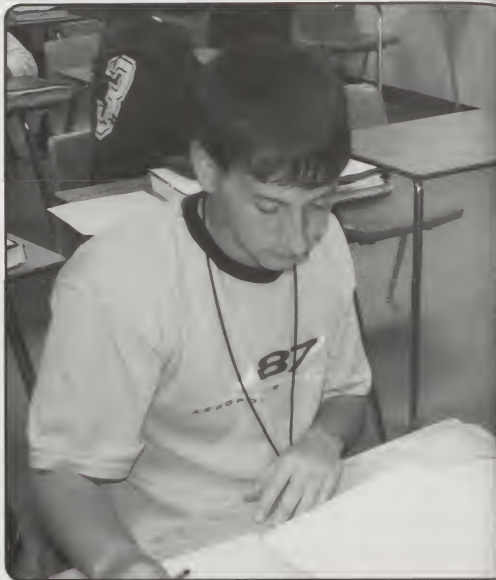
for the students to have fun and change up the class routine. Several people did some really nice projects. They created their own shapes and did a great job of coloring and following directions," said Mr. John Gray.

● Students learned how to use a compass to make circles and how to graph coordinate planes in Algebra II classes.

● ISTEP review sheets were used to help students who were retaking the math portion of ISTEP, or who were taking it for the first time, to get extra help studying. "The Math Department decided to create the review sheets for all the math teachers to use in their Algebra I and Geometry classes. Hopefully, they helped students prepare for the ISTEP," said Mr. Mark Ladd.

● AP Calculus students studied integrals and derivatives. They also learned applications of anti-derivatives in different aspects of the "real world".

● In Mrs. Judy Roberts 7th hour Pre-Calculus class, the students created a Snack necklace. This required the students to bring in a snack. If the snack was not brought in within three days, then what they were supposed to bring in doubled. The snack necklace started after junior Elise Jolink promised to bring in brownies 1st semester.



In Mrs. Judy Roberts Algebra 1 class, freshman Carly Oney, along with other students, takes notes and studies

for a test that she will have the following day. Notes were a daily activity for the students in Mrs. Roberts' class.

## **\*SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR VERY OWN UNIQUE METHOD OF POSTULATES AND THEOREMS**



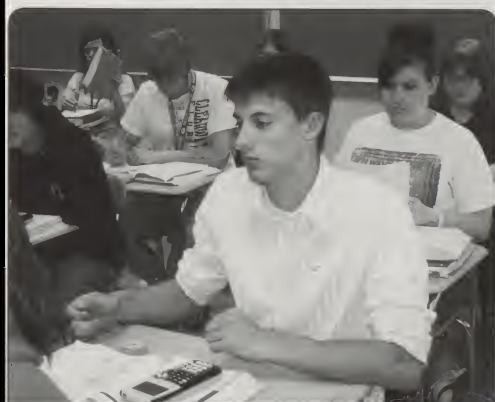
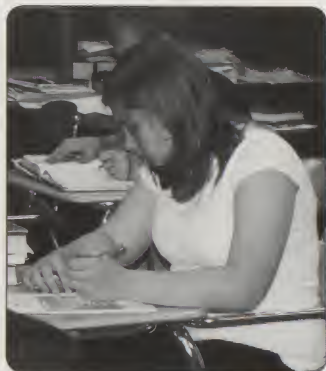
By: Samantha Hoak



# MATH\*

Seniors Daniel Hudspeth and Jonathan Burton finish their homework in Mr. Harold Hosteller's 7th hour AP Calculus class. Students were given homework on a daily basis to help them better understand the chapter. All students took the AP test in May for college credit.

Renee Martin, diligently works on a crossword for class. Students went over everything they learned to study for the comprehension finals in May.



Senior Stormy Wierman and junior Derek Love work on the Geometry homework that was assigned to the class. Mr. Mark Ladd always gave his students time to work on their assignment after he gave notes from the note taking guide.

Kevin Nelms, a senior, listens as Mrs. Judy Roberts gives notes to the class. The class learned how to apply theories and postulates to different shapes.

Freshman Aaron Betancourt



● In a nation accustomed to super sizing meals and sitting on the couch with Tivo, students had at least 40 minutes a day of exercise to help them get-and stay-in shape, and fight back against obesity.

● Activities included badmitten, tennis, tumbling, swimming, flag football, softball, field hockey, volleyball, pickle ball, soccer, and weight lifting.

● "My favorite activity would definitely be tumbling. I almost broke my arm everytime I did the partner pull-over with Karrington," said freshman Jessica Taulbee.

● Eight out of ten students that were questioned said that tumbling was their favorite activity. The second most popular was field hockey. "Field hockey was my favorite because you got to be aggressive and make a bunch of goals," said Jordan Morse, freshman.

● Gym class went all year long with activities inside and out. It was taught by Ms. Sue Hanley and Mr. Richard Lunsford. Freshman Kelly Retzlaff said, "I learned a lot in my gym class. I learned better techniques on how to play some sports. I also learned new sports I'd never heard of. Ms. Hanley and Mr. Lunsford made this class fun by giving us a variety of things to learn and play."

● Health class was also taught by Mr. Lunsford. Students studied the physical fitness of a teenager.

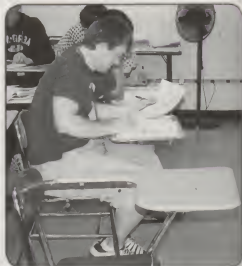
● Different health classes included Health, Intro to Health Occupations, Medical Terminology, Anatomy, Aquatics, and Lifeguarding.

● In Mr. Lunsford's fifth hour, students tried on drunk goggles to help show them the dangers of driving while intoxicated. Students learned the dangers of drugs and alcohol during second semester.

● In Mr. Stevens aquatics class, students learned life saving skills to rescue victims who are drowning or in danger of drowning in the water.



During Mr. Lunsford's fifth hour class, sophomore Erica Anderson works hard to finish the last questions of her worksheet about fitness.



Timothy Mathis, sophomore, studies with his classmates during his health class. Students said they like working in groups because it's easier to get work done.

**\*COMMIT TO GET FIT**





Jessica Hancock



Kimberly Proud

By: Elizebeth Minya

# PE / HEALTH\*

Sophomore Chad Allard spends Ms. Hanley's tumbling class perfecting the back aerial. "My favorite part of tumbling was learning all the new crazy stunts. It was my first time ever tumbling, and it was a blast," said Allard.

While performing CPR in aquatics class, sophomore Brandi Baccino gives chest compressions to a practice doll. Chest compressions were used to restart the heart of victims without a pulse.

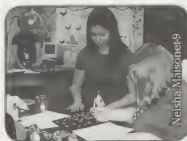


Freshman Steven Wilson jumps on one foot during stair tapers for Ms. Hanley's weight training. Doing this activity increased students' coordination and balance.

During tumbling class in fourth hour, freshmen Nicole Palmer and Ryan Helton perform the partner pullover. This strength building stunt was worth one point per person.



Junior Cameron Bell & Mrs. Kristi Slaby



- First semester, Mr. Maple's microbiology class studied animal anatomy through the dissection of a pig.

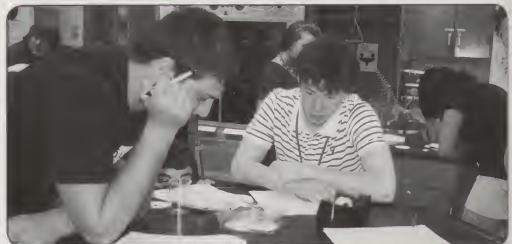
- "Trying to find the brain of the pig was interesting and probably my favorite part of the dissection. Although some parts were interesting, the smell of the formaldehyde, which kept the pig preserved, was absolutely terrible, and the worst part of our project," said sophomore Brandi Baccino.

- Junior Donald Capouch was in Mrs. Slaby's AP Biology class. "I will never forget when Phil Laney accidentally slid one of Mrs. Slaby's experiments off the counter, and the beaker shattered all over the room," explained Capouch of his most memorable moment.

- Once or twice every two weeks, students had the opportunity to earn 50 extra credit points by experiencing environmental days. This consisted of activities such as 'Adopt a Highway', and preventing pollution by picking up trash in parks.

- Sophomore Heidi Maisonet was satisfied with her decision of taking Mrs. Slaby's Genetics class. "I had Mrs. Slaby for Academic Biology my freshman year, and her class was always fun and interesting. She's an awesome teacher. So, I thought having her again would be fun," said Maisonet.

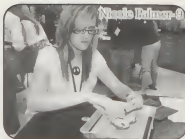
- Students in Mr. Maple's Microbiology class did a lab in which they grew bacteria cultures from samples of water, air, soil, dust, and human tissue. Then students made slides and studied the bacteria under a microscope.



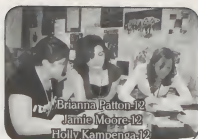
During fourth hour, seniors Mitchell Sytsma, Jonathan Torbitt, and Micah Raebel work together on their Advanced Placement Biology class project. They had to keep careful notes for their report. Students studied genetics, and observed the development of insects in class.

## \*SCIENCE ENRICHES OUR DAILY LIFE

Adam Mandeville-11  
Lauren Wierzbay-11



Nicole Palmer-9



Brianna Patton-12  
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Holly Kampenga-12

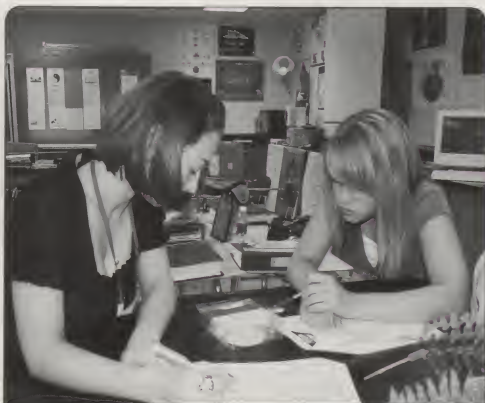
By: Shannon Morrison

# SCIENCE\*

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Freshmen Steven Savvas and Ryan Helton work together in Mr. Maple's Biology class to dissect and begin the exploration of the frog. Students were told to find the heart, kidney, and liver of the amphibian.

While eating twizzlers and doing a project on natural selection, freshman Abigail Wilder asks her partner what step to take next. Mrs. Slaby's class brought in many sorts of candies to demonstrate the relations between natural selection and artificial selection.



Freshmen Ashlee Reed and Denetta Jestes spend their weekend working to help the environment. Ms. Patterson welcomed any willing student to a weekend environmental field trip for extra credit.

Callie Guritz and Jillian Kolb, seniors, observe the anatomy of insects. Mrs. Slaby taught the class the procedures to successfully be able to view the inner working of the insects.

Freshmen Donald DeYoung, Aaron Monroe, and Max Zylstra



- At the beginning of the year, all the Social Studies classes participated in the walkathon. Students collected donations to raise money for the food pantries.

- Current issues class, taught by Mr. Paul Norwine, consisted of watching 'Channel 1 News' and reading "Newsweek". Major stories discussed were the Clinton-Obama and McCain presidential election debates.

- Mr. Jason Wallace from the school board came to the current issues class to discuss school ID's. "It was interesting to hear his opinions on current pressing issues. His answers to the questions were precise and informative," said Nicholas Valcich, a junior.

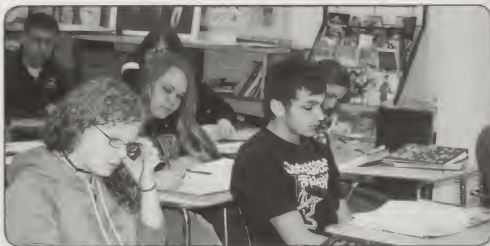
- Two major projects in Economics were the Mutual Fund and Stock Market projects. Students went to the computer lab every Friday for ten weeks to check on their stocks. A representative from AG Edwards also advised the young entrepreneurs.

- Students went to Rensselaer Central High School for a debate with other schools on global warming. "I liked how all the schools were split into groups. We had in-depth discussions on the issue and ways to help slow or maybe even stop the problem," said senior Patrick Cruickshank.

- Students in Ms. Sara Hanyzewski's AP World History class were given an opportunity to present World War II to the class. They had the option of choosing events surrounding the war.

- One new assignment was watching a movie on Gandhi. This gave the class a more in-depth look at the life of Gandhi and his political role in the world.

- In Mrs. Price's AP US History class students were able to make cakes that were decorated to represent World War II, such as planes, battles, and armies.

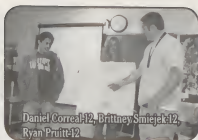


At the beginning of Mr. Norwine's fifth hour government class, students cram in as much information as they can before their test. Some tests included

the ten amendments, the branches of the government, and the different qualifications needed to run for president.

## \*TECHNOLOGY CREATES INSTANT HISTORY





by: Laura Myers

# SOCIAL STUDIES\*



Working on his stock project, senior Jacob Bristol has Mr. Peo sign his stock purchase form. Students were given \$100,000 to spend and had to make at least \$6000 to receive an A for the project.

Recreating the Russian Revolution in Mrs. Skrobul's World History class, freshmen Elizabeth Maston, Paola Hernandez, and Kyle Dehning were given candy while the other students worked. Remaining students designed a plan to steal the candy and decided how the candy would be redistributed.



In Mr. Norwine's government class, seniors Lauren Witt, Lindsay Sittima, and Kelsey Allen prepare for their chapter test. Before the test, students were given section reviews to complete for extra help.

Working on her homework, junior Shayla Recker focuses her attention on the questions. She was working really hard in Mr. Mike Peo's U.S. History class.

Freshman Samantha Allen



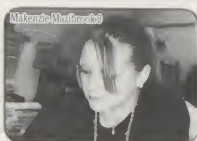
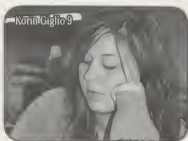
- Students learned skills they might need as adults in Life Science classes.
- In Child Development, students studied about the developing fetus and growing child. At the end of their class, they took care of a mechanical baby for the night or a weekend.
- During second semester, Advanced Child Development class helped run a Day Care with teacher Ms. Jennifer Schroeder.
- Students who took Textile and Industries learned about designing clothing, which included making a toga out of sheets.
- Ms. Groet, who taught the cooking classes, had an accident in December and spent the rest of the year taking it easy while Mrs. Karen Pajkos finished out the year for her.
- Sophomore Latrice Patrick was asked if she used what she learned at home. She answered, "Yes, I do, because I have learned a lot about different techniques of cooking food that will help me in the future."
- Culinary Arts Foundations was a class focused on cooking in the Industrial setting. They took a trip up to Chicago to hear a speaker and eat at an Italian restaurant.
- "Actually," said sophomore Stacy Ginkel when asked if she would use this in the future, "I'm really thinking about a career in Culinary Arts, so yes, I will. What I've learned has been a great kick start."
- Housing and Interiors taught the skills needed in Interior Design and Decorating.
- Adult Roles and Responsibilities taught behaviors and attitudes of an adult.
- In regard to childcare, freshman Jordan Miller responded, "I have learned that you need a heart and a sense of responsibility to care for children."



Freshman Cassandra Piatt, senior Carmen Dragu, junior Paige Wireman, sophomore Felicia Jungles, and freshman Jordan Morse, model their carefully designed bed

sheet togas. The project in Textile and Industries was to make their own toga design and then to bring that design to life on their own.

**\*SUCCESS STARTS AT HOME!**



By: Grace Gidley

# LIFE SCIENCE\*



In a world of health conscious individuals, the Culinary Arts class responded with healthy recipes. Cooking a spinach pizza in Culinary Arts class with her group is senior Taylor Scott. Taylor's Culinary arts experience influenced her to apply to a cooking school to which she was accepted.

Jennifer Ramirez-Corza in 10th grade cooks the sausage that will go on her teams' pizza. Her group needed to make the pizza in 30 minutes in order to get finished. Afterwards she enjoyed her pizza and the other groups' pizzas.



Eating at an Italian restaurant in Chicago are juniors Jennifer Hershman and Melissa Talarek, along with her graduated brother Andrew Talarek. They were enjoying a field trip to Chicago with their cooking class.

Playing and supervising the children in the day care, senior Ashley Wiggins and junior Kelly Brown work on one of the preschool skills. In the two hour block, students learned to help young children in the program deal with various situations that arose among toddlers.



● Building Trades was two three hour classes which were broken up into two different times of the day. The students worked for two semesters to build a house.

● Students experienced the world outside the classroom and worked with professionals on the site. Students were taught about carpentry, trim work, siding, shingles, dry wall, plumbing, electricity, heating, cooling, etc.

● The house was built in Sand Ridge Subdivision, right off 1000 West.

● Senior Shane Sparger said, "Working with concrete was hard at first but became easier once I started to get the hang of everything. Not to mention, I had to get used to the weight of the concrete on my boots and pants."

● When the boys built the deck on the back of the house, they realized that the wood was cut wrong. They were supposed to cut it 1/8 inch off the bottom boards but most of the wood was cut at an 1/2 inch. Later, they fixed the problem by sawing the wood off at equal measurements.

● "The most interesting thing I learned in Building Trades was all the small steps it takes to finish a house, something you normally wouldn't realize," said senior David Mills.

● Students learned how to work as a team to complete the house. The house consisted of a full kitchen, one and a half baths, three bedrooms, a living and dining room, a laundry room, and a garage.

● Students used energy saving fluorescent light bulbs to promote energy efficiency on the house. Saving energy lowered the electric bill.



Building Trades morning class, Row 1: Kevin Nelms, Chance Czarnecki Row 2: Devin Jordan, Alec

LaMotte, Shawn Frelkelton, Thomas Ramsey, Mark Ress, David Mills

**\*WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**





By: Brittany Mann



# BUILDING TRADES\*

Not wasting anytime, seniors Devin Jordan, Kevin Nelms, Shane Sparger and Christopher Kittle lay the concrete. With the help of Mr. Mulvihill scooping up concrete for fill, the team was able to create a smooth drive way.

Senior Shane Sparger pushes the concrete away from the board so the finishers could even it out. This was Shane's first experience with concrete.



Taking a rest from a hard mornings work, the early class of Building Trades admired what they had accomplished. Working on scaffolding to complete the siding was just one of the new experiences for the boys.

Senior Kevin Nelms sets screws on the deck. They worked all morning to complete this task. Nelms said, "I enjoyed building a house from scratch and learning all kinds of new things. Also, I made a lot of new friends."

Junior Taylor VanVuren



Sophomore Savannah Mink



Junior Melissa Gonzalez



Sophomore Michelle Randolph



- Theater Arts students learned to improvise and write scenes of plays.

- "I loved the fact that we got to work so hard for two days making sure that the plays were great," said senior Phillip Laney.

- During first semester, students worked in partners, and learned stage make-up techniques.

- Stage make-up included learning how to make bruises, cuts, and fantasy make-up. They also learned how to make a person older or their nose appear thinner or wider.

- At certain points throughout their class, the students put on their show for a grade.

- Theatre Production students learned the making of a set for a play.

- They were in charge of the lighting, set, and props for their plays.

- Mrs. Jill Steiner taught the classes. She said, "I enjoy the creativity from the students."

- "My favorite part of Theatre Arts," said senior Eric Alvarado, "was the fact that I got to direct a whole show with the help of the other Theater Production students."

- Students of Theatre Production were in charge of improv for a portion of "I'm Getting Murdered In the Morning," and the circus scene for the spring production called "Seussical".



These students are playing as part human, part animal in the production of "Dr. Monroe's Island". The animals they were playing were created by a crazy scientist who lived on the island.

## **\*STAGING THE WORLD ONE PLAY AT A TIME!**

Sophomore Chot  
Thunberg

Sophomore Ram Weil

Senior Hannah  
Sparks

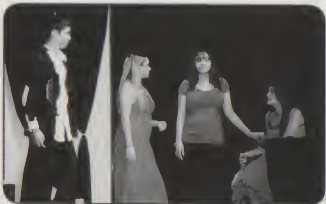
Junior Chelsea  
Hensel

By: Grace Gidley &  
Trisha Poisel

# THEATRE ARTS\*

Acting as the assistants to a mad scientist, juniors Carolyn Weager and Jaime Vargas sit and talk about their boss. Jaime Vargas commented, "The best part is making people laugh. If I can make someone smile and laugh, then I know I did my job."

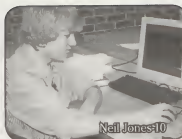
Senior Sara Little is pretending to play her saxophone to the song "Funky Town". Sara was one of the students who performed the lip synch during second hour.



Acting as people shipwrecked on an island are junior Jeffrey Laski, sophomores Tiffany Hinsley and Melissa Gonzalez, and senior Tasha Jones. The shipwrecked agonized over what they were to do and their wish to go home.

Junior Brandon Martens is the main character in the play while Whitney Studer, junior, plays the friend. Brandon expertly pretended to have an explosion over a test he didn't study for. Whitney acted like she was trying to calm him down, then she sat back and let him rage for a while.

Junior Jessica Higerson



- Technology was a course where students learned about application tools, materials, business, human service occupations, and designing.

- These classes helped students with the real world by putting what they learned to the test.

- Fundamentals of Engineering and Technology of Enterprises were each two hour class periods.

- Fundamentals of Engineering focused on actions and processes of engineering. Technological and managerial principles in organizing, financing, and operating a company.

- During Mr. Jeffrey Martin's class, students worked on learning estimations and calculations. They used these skills to learn how to read blueprints and measure wood, cinder blocks and foundations.

- Mr. Martin's class also received donations from Hobbyco. Hobbyco sent Martin's class planes, which they flew the last part of the semester.

- The students also learned how to build houses from the foundation to the roof.

- "I wanted to make a difference in kid's lives and give back as some teachers did for me," said Mr. Martin.

- Welding was a course that students took to explore the technological field. Students learned how to weld, bolt, and rivet in Mr. Jeffrey Mengel's class.

- Mr. Jeffrey Mengel's class built a boxing ring during the first semester.

- Mengel, who trained Jimmy Holmes, had Holmes train teens who would like to box. "I'm a big fan of Amateur Boxing and what it can do for you. I enjoy being involved in it, and it will be good for the community," said Mr. Mengel, who believed building the boxing ring would keep teens out of trouble in Jasper County.

- Mr. Kevin Kaluf's technology students, who were freshmen Robert Sittima, Kayla Fieldhouse, John Sobierajski, and junior Randie Sanchez, went to the Intro to Engineering Design Regional Competition at Lafayette Jeff on April 23.



Working on his project in his technology class is freshman Marvin Mullins. Students worked on creating different blueprints for different

buildings for a few weeks to help hone their critical thinking and creative planning skills. The blueprints had to be detailed floor plans

**\*LEARNING TOMORROW, TODAY**



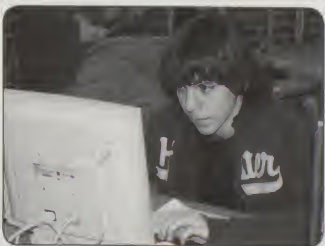


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# TECHNOLOGY\*

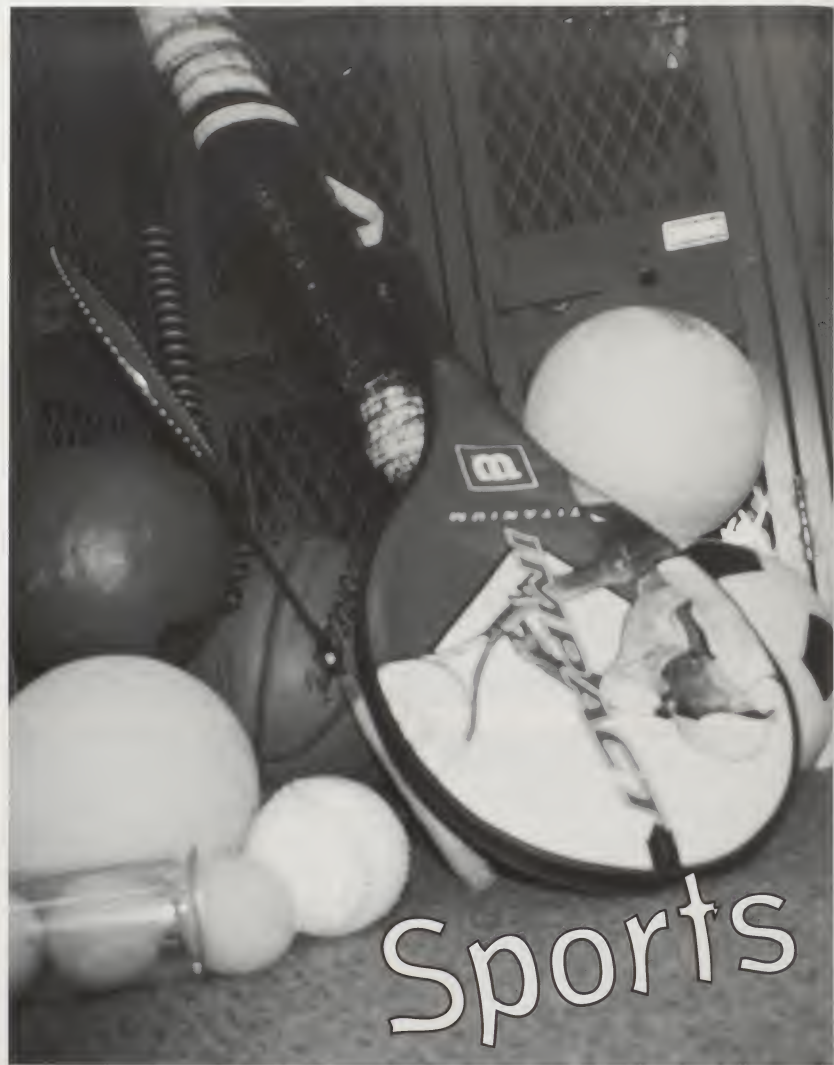
During technology class junior Cameron Bell uses a tripod to survey the foundation, while junior James Remmers watches him. Students were studying how to properly lay a house foundation.

Michael Maxey, a junior, works hard to move cinder blocks onto each other to make a wall in class. In Mr. Jeffrey Martin's first hour class students had to learn the basics for making a foundation wall.



Sophomore Ryan Barnett listens to Mr. Ronald Hine instruct the class while he studies what is up on the computer. His Technology class worked with many different programs to make building and designing easier.

While working on the four wheeler, sophomore Breton Bolton studies what his next move is going to be in the repair and rebuilding process. Bolton worked on the machine in Mr. Jeffrey Mengel's class.



# Sports

# EXPOSED\*

Boys lined up to support the girls Soccer Sectional



Junior Matthew DeFries

Freshman Tiffany Conley



Junior Varsity Wrestlers



Fall Cheerleaders

Girls Swim Team Members



Senior Micah Raebel

\*Sports are defined as **physical activities that are governed by a set of rules or customs and are often engaged in competitively**. Sports have energized and motivated many students, like the boys soccer team--who captured the first ever Sectional title--or swim team members, who broke many records. The football team won the Cracker Barrel for the second year in a row with a score of 25-21 against Rensselaer. They also went to Oak Grove to play games with the elderly, and made many friendships. Boys basketball won their first Sectional title since 1992.

Varsity Kougars defense lines up against the Lowell Red Devils. Defense was successful in stopping the offense from scoring a touchdown.



Adam Mandeville-11  
Mitchell Sytsma-12



Alex Byers-12



Zachary Overby-10



Tyler Cox-11  
Zachary Waters-11

**By: Laura A. Myers**



Row 1: Mitchell Sytsma, William Recker, Matthew Simmons, James Guerrero, Chance Czarnecki, David Walstra, Alex Byers, Corey Molden, Jonathon Walte, Zachary Adams Row 2: Niel Jones, Kyle Whitte, Kale Popp, Adam Mandeville, Nicholas Newcomb, Samuel Bass, Donovan Czarnecki, Zachary Waters Row 3: David Grevenstuck, Jacob Hoffman, Cody Stovall, Nicholas Gillespie, Derek Mann, Corey Coulter, Michael Hoffman, Tyler Cox, Anthony Keeling Row 4: Chinges Erdenchimeg, Micah Schaefer, Kyle Higgins, Blake Jarrette, Jack Loar, Nicholas Holley, Jonathon Anleitner, John Morse Row 5: Kevin Davis, Richard McKernan, Durrall Hale, Brent Webster, Kyle DeJong, Ryan Boezeman, Phillip Laney, Nathan Ooms, Alexander Watts Row 6: Jacob Bestich, Zachary Overby, Blake Marlati, Varsity Head Coach Mike Peo, Varsity/JV Coach Rich Lunsford, Varsity/JV Coach Walter Justice, Varsity Coach Ryan Armstrong, Varsity Coach Tom Sandomato Row 7: Manager Michelle Dahn, Freshman Coach Ryan Myers, Volunteer Assistant Coach Steve Myers, Freshman Coach John Gray, Varsity Volunteer Assistant Coach Jeff McDole, Athletic Trainer Lacey Wood, Manager Rachel Dahn.

Lining up on the 30 yard line, the defensive line stopped the Trojans offense and turned the ball over. With a score of 36-7 the Kougars defeated the Highland Trojans on Homecoming night.





# Varsity Football

## Tackling Goals

**V**arsity football kicked off on a high note by winning the Cracker Barrel for the second year in a row. The team came back in the last quarter to beat Rensselaer 25-21. Senior Corey Molden said, "Winning the Barrel felt great. It meant a lot to the team when we beat our rival, Rensselaer. I hope we keep the Barrel for many years." Entering a new conference, the Northwest Crossroads Conference, the team faced challenges but still worked hard. Coach Mike Peo said, "The team has showed a lot of improvement against very good competition. I am proud of the way they

continued to fight and to give it their all."

On Homecoming night the Kougars faced the Highland Trojans. Coming into the game, both teams had the same record in the NCC of 1-5. Kougars dominated on the field by scoring a season high and beating Highland 36-7.

Awards included: Captains—David Walstra, Corey Molden, William Recker, and Alex Byers; Mr. Offense—Alex Byers; Mr. Defense—Alex Byers; Best Defensive Lineman—Donovan Czarnecki; Best Offensive Lineman—Zachary Waters; Mr. Special Teams—David Walstra; Scott Patrick Valley Pride Award—Phillip Laney.

**\*Q:** What was your most memorable moment during your senior year?

**A:** "During week one against Rensselaer it was my first game back after missing my whole junior year. I had two touchdowns including one to win the game."

David Walstra-12

## Football scores

|                    |      |       |
|--------------------|------|-------|
| Rensselaer Central | won  | 25-21 |
| Wheeler            | won  | 25-0  |
| Lowell             | lost | 0-38  |
| Hobart             | lost | 0-49  |
| Griffith           | lost | 0-42  |
| Hammond Clark      | lost | 0-20  |
| Andrean            | lost | 26-48 |
| Highland           | won  | 36-7  |
| Munster            | lost | 15-27 |

## What are you going to miss most about football?

"The tough practices—spotted with a couple jokes—the intensity of the games, but most of all the Friday night lights."

James  
Guerrero-12

"I am going to miss all the fun times we had together. I'll miss all the funny freshmen and telling the underclassmen what to do."

William  
Recker-12

Senior Mitchell Sytsma makes a tackle in the Homecoming game against Highland to help win the game. Sytsma finished the season with 31 good solo tackles.

Before the snap, freshman Jeremy Conley waits for the play to be called by freshman Tyler Simmons. Kougars advanced to the 50 yard line.



JV Team



Dylan Patrick-09



Jacob Hoffman-10



JV Team

By: Laura A. Myers



Row 1: James Sonntag, Nicholas Watkins, Jacob Erwin, Tyler Simmons, Jeremy Conley, Phillip Guzman Row 2: Austin Oosterhoff, Ryan Schultz, Ian Klicek, Edward Wilson, Nicholas Bobis, Robert Griffith, Jimmy Veal, Nickolas Smith Row 3: Coach Ryan Myers, Dakota Maze, Joey Gilbert, Robert Kaniuk, Dylan Patrick, Bo VanderWoude, Zack Lotz, William DeWitt, Nicholas Cohn, Coach John Gray.



Preparing to send a deep kick to the Lowell Red Devils, freshman Robert Kaniuk readies himself for the winning kick. After a grueling defensive game Lowell won 33 to 6.



# JV/Freshman Football

## Beating the clock

**W**ith the football season underway, the Junior Varsity and Freshmen created big noise when they won their season openers. Junior Varsity shut out South Central 13-0 and Freshmen beat rival Rensselaer 24-22. Both teams faced a tough schedule but improved greatly compared to the beginning of the season by learning from previous games. Freshman coach John Gray said, "We had a tough schedule but showed a lot of improvement. Our goal as coaches is to get our kids ready for the next three years of varsity. They

showed a lot of heart and character."

With a young group of passionate players, the Freshman team finished their season 3-4 and Junior Varsity had a record of 2-7.

Junior Varsity awards included: Mr. Offense-Kyle Higgins; Mr. Defense-Blake Marlatt; Mr. Special Teams-Micah Schaefer; Scott Patrick Valley Pride Award-Jacob Bestich.

Freshmen awards included: Mr. Offense-Dylan Patrick; Mr. Defense-Joseph Gilbert; Mr. Special Teams-Rob Kanluk; Scott Patrick Valley Pride Award-Dylan Patrick.

**Q: Why did you decide to play football?**

**A:** "I have been playing football for many years, and I have always enjoyed getting hyped for a game and going out and giving it my all." Dylan Patrick-9

## Football scores

|               |      |       |
|---------------|------|-------|
| South Central | won  | 13-0  |
| Wheeler       | won  | 22-20 |
| Lowell        | lost | 0-14  |
| Griffith      | lost | 6-34  |
| Hobart        | lost | 6-44  |
| Hammond Clark | lost | 6-8   |
| Andrean       | lost | 12-35 |
| Highland      | lost | 8-22  |
| Munster       | lost | 6-34  |

## What was your most memorable moment?



"When we beat Rensselaer in the last 16 seconds of the fourth quarter. It was a good feeling to win the game."

Nicholas  
Holley-10



"Being able to play in the Homecoming game for the first time my sophomore year."

David  
Grevenstuk-10

Sophomore Kyle Higgins runs in the first touchdown against the Highland Trojans. JV went on to score the two point conversion.

*Dominare:* At the meet against Hobart, freshmen Breanne Cheverette and Kristin Fritts, and sophomore Jessica Coffey start off the race. All three girls placed in the top 15 in this race.



**Breanne Jungles -9**



**Samuel Tillemma -12**



**Seth Raebel -11**



**Jessica Coffey -10**

**By: Elizebeth Minya**



Cross Country Row 1: Breanne Cheverette, Kelly Dykstra, Kelsey Osborn, Kristin Fritts, Natalie Henning, Breanne Jungles. Row 1: Seth Raebel, Samuel Capouch, Cody Lee, Jeffery Laski, John Laski, Micah Wallace, Coach Lane Lewallen



After Sectionals, Boys Cross Country team holds up their trophy. They came in second place at the Rensselaer Sectionals. Members of the squad were Seth Raebel, Cody Lee, Samuel Capouch, Rande Livengood, John Laski, Jeffrey Laski, Joshua Tillemma, and Tyler





# Cross Country

## Running for the Gold

**T**here were many outstanding performances along with new records for the cross country team. Freshmen Breanne Cheverette and Kristin Fritts went to semi-state. Breanne Cheverette set a record of 19 minutes and 32 seconds in the 5,000 meter run. She was also 11th in the area. Kristin Fritts placed 14th at Semi-state and 71st at state.

Mr. Lane Lewallen had a lot to say about the team. "This has been an excellent year for both genders! There was a lot of team and individual success. Coach Adams and I are very proud."

Another outstanding runner was Senior John Laski. John came in 6th at

the NCC Triangle against Lowell and Highland. "Just being around the other guys and going out and giving your all," said Senior John Laski, "I'm really going to miss that. So if you want to do something, go for it. It goes by so fast."

**Girls Awards Included:** Most Valuable- Breanne Cheverette, Most Improved Runner- Natalie Henning, Rookie of the Year - Kristin Fritts, Kougair Pride- Breanne Jungles and Jessica Coffey, Captain award- Kelsey Osborn.

**Boys Awards included:** MVP- John Laski, Most Valuable- Jeffery Laski, Most Improved Runner- Cody Lee, Rookie of the Year- Seth Raebel, Captain awards- John and Jeffery Laski.

**\*Q: As a freshman, what did it feel like to be able to go to state?**

**A:** "It was different than any other meet because there was more competition and I was the only one from my team. Also, I didn't have the equipment that everyone else had. That pushed me even harder."

Kristin Fritts- 9

### Cross Country Scores

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| North White           | 4th  |
| McCutcheon            | 2nd  |
| Harrison              | 18th |
| NCC Triangle          | 2nd  |
| Lowell                | 3rd  |
| NCC Triangle          | Tie  |
| New Prairie           | 12th |
| NCC Triangle          | 2nd  |
| Highland              | 10th |
| North Newton          | 1st  |
| KV Invite             | 3rd  |
| NCC Meet              | 4th  |
| Rensselaer Quad.      | 1st  |
| Rensselaer Sectionals | 1st  |
| Rensselaer Regionals  | 6th  |

### What was your most memorable moment?



"When Jeff, Rande, and I painted ourselves for Breanne and Kristin at Semi-state, then watching Breanne go across the finish line at state."

Samuel  
Capouch- 10



"I would have to say the Lowell Invite. We all did well and had a lot of fun. There was an acorn fight and a Hannah Montana dance."

Breanne  
Cheverette- 9

Running side by side freshman Kristin Fritts, and sophomore Kelsey Osborn run a tough meet against Hobart. Running together helped them stay motivated. They needed to keep moving so they took turns being in front.

## By Shannon Morrison

Junior Ryan Kikkert defends the ball against Crown Point. "I will never forget playing with all the seniors and winning our first ever sectional championship," said Kikkert.

Dakota Dellahan, a freshman, plays on the Varsity team for the first time. "Playing for the Varsity team was the best part of soccer. It was more competitive, and it was a big step up from Junior Varsity," said Dellahan.



Row 1: Kyle Chadwick, John Sobierajski, Robert Sittema, Jasen Vandermolten, Trevor Butler, Kai Justice, Micah Kristoff, Christian Ferguson, Bradley Leegwater, Micah Schaefer, Daniel Hudspeth  
Row 2: Matthew Carlton, Derek VanderMolen, Joshua Fifield, Ryan Helton, John Rawlings, Caleb Tillemma, Daniel Correal, Evan Dahm, Bo Vanderwoude, Dakota Dellahan, Jose Herrera, Joni VanderWoude  
Row 3: Coach Duane VanderWoude, Greg Boer, Cody Nelms, Brent Kikkert, Aaron Stoermann, Benjamin Erwin, Kevin Nelms, Jaime Vargas, Josh Tillemma, Chester Magiera, Ryan Kikkert, Craig Curtis, Michael Hunter, Clayton Prairie, Scott Conley, Coach Jason VanderWoude



# Boys Soccer

## Stepping up for goals

**P**owering through the season, boys soccer finished 12-7-1 and captured the first ever Sectional Title when they defeated Lowell in game two. "We won our title because of our outstanding teamwork, speed, and talent," exclaimed sophomore John Rawlings.

In the opening game against Rensselaer, senior Aaron Stoermann scored three out of the ten goals. "Being the highest scorer in the Rensselaer game felt really good. It was nice to contribute to the team's success," said Stoermann.

In their second shut out, the boys dominated Gavit 8-0. These were just

three of the exciting games in the senior dominated roller coaster season.

Success was also seen in the junior varsity squad who conquered Culver in the final 18 seconds of the first match of the tournament when Ryan Helton scored on a pass from Trevor Butler.

Varsity awards included: Outstanding Offensive Player presented to Scott Conley and Outstanding Defensive Player presented to Michael Hunter.

Junior Varsity awards included: Outstanding Offensive Player which was awarded to Dakota Dellahan and Outstanding Defensive Player which was awarded to Kyle Chadwick.

**\*Q: What was your most memorable moment?**

**A: "When I stopped a penalty kick, which led us to win the Culver tournament."**

**Jaime Vargas- 11**

## Boys Soccer Scores

|                 |      |     |
|-----------------|------|-----|
| Rensselaer      | Won  | 1-0 |
| EC              | Won  | 3-2 |
| Wheeler         | Tie  | 1-1 |
| Munster         | Lost | 1-6 |
| Hobart          | Won  | 2-0 |
| Highland        | Lost | 0-3 |
| Hammond Gavit   | Won  | 8-0 |
| Griffith        | Lost | 0-3 |
| Hammond Morton  | Won  | 9-1 |
| Michigan City   | Lost | 2-3 |
| Andrean         | Lost | 0-4 |
| Covenant        | Won  | 4-0 |
| Hammond Clark   | Lost | 1-6 |
| Hebron          | Won  | 4-0 |
| Lowell          | Won  | 1-0 |
| Hammond         | Won  | 3-2 |
| Rensselaer Sec. | Won  | 8-0 |
| Lowell Sec.     | Won  | 4-1 |
| Culver Reg.     | Won  | 5-2 |
| Chesterton Reg. | Lost | 0-5 |

### What was your favorite part about soccer?



"My favorite part was getting the experience of playing on new fields during away games. The pasta party at the end was good too!"

Robert  
Sittema-9



"My favorite part was winning our sectionals and beating Culver in the first round of regionals. I also liked having the leadership of 14 seniors."

Micha  
Schaefer- 10

Michael Hunter- 12

Freshman Tiffany Conley played forward in her first game against Covenant. "This years soccer season was a lot of fun. I especially want to thank the seniors for their hard work and dedication, making the season great and successful," said Conley.

Shedding tears at their last shared tournament are sisters Junior Candace and Senior Lauren Leegwater. Senior Lindsey Skratsky and sophomore Anna Stoermann also hugged during the senior's ceremony.



Row 1: Bethany Ferguson Row 2: Page Walczak, Corinne Janavich, Nicole Kerner, Jennifer Bullard, Lauren Leegwater, Jillian Conley, Katrina VanderWoude, Lindsey Skratsky, Morgan Myers Row 3: Anna Stoermann, Jordan Dellehan, Ellaree Swim, Chelsea Geesa, Alexa Schiavone, Kimberley Proud, Tiffany Conley, Teri Harrington, Hilary Hoffman, Randi Crim, Tessa Wisdom, Brandee Hudspeth, Nicole Hufnagel, Row 4: Taylor Brodner, Kristen Hanlon, Mallory DeFries, Abbey McKee, Marissa Butler, Elise Jolink, Brittany White, Karrington Shults, Candace Leegwater. Assistant Coach Joyce Thomason, Head Coach John Hufnagel.



Kristen Hanlon 10



Jennifer Bullard

By: Shannon Morrison



# Girls Soccer

## Tearing up the field

**V**arsity girl's soccer completed their season with a 12-4-2 record. Coach Joyce Thomason led the Junior Varsity team to an undefeated season.

Sophomore Emily Young played her second varsity game against Chesterton and made 12 saves. Varsity girls had a shut out against Hammond Clark with a score of 5-0. This victory led to the Championship for the second game against Rensselaer where they won 6-0. Sophomore Marissa Butler made the first goal for the tournament. Butler again scored two more goals. Jennifer Bullard, a senior also helped out the Var-

sity team. Bullard added the final point in their tournament against Rensselaer with a penalty kick.

Varsity awards included: Spirit Award- Lauren Leegwater, Most Valuable Defender- Nicole Kerner, Most Valuable Midfielder- Brandee Hudspeth, Most Valuable Striker- Marissa Butler, Top Team Player- Anna Stoermann, Distinguished Career Award- Lindsey Skratsky.

Junior Varsity awards included: Most Valuable Defender- Hillary Hoffman, Most Valuable Midfielder- Alexa Schiavone, Most Valuable Midfielder- Jordan Dellahan, Most Valuable Striker- Teri Harrington, Top Team Player- Tiffany Conley.

**Q: What will you miss most about the team?**

**A: "I'm really going to miss playing with all the girls and working as a team."**

**Page Walczak-12**

### Soccer scores

|                 |      |      |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Hanover Central | Won  | 10-0 |
| Chesterton      | Tie  | 1-1  |
| Munster         | Lost | 3-5  |
| Benton Central  | Won  | 5-0  |
| Hobart          | Won  | 4-1  |
| Highland        | Lost | 1-2  |
| Morton          | Won  | 3-0  |
| Griffith        | Won  | 1-0  |
| Andrean         | Lost | 0-1  |
| Michigan City   | Won  | 3-0  |
| Clark           | Won  | 4-0  |
| Rensselaer      | Won  | 6-0  |
| Lowell          | Won  | 3-2  |
| Rensselaer      | Won  | 4-0  |
| Laff. Harrison  | Tie  | 1-1  |
| Boone Grove     | Won  | 5-2  |
| Boone Grove     | Won  | 1-0  |
| Valpo           | Lost | 1-1  |

### Looking back, what will you remember most about the team?



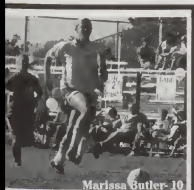
"I am so glad that I could be a part of the soccer team all four years. I love the girls I played with, I couldn't ask for a better group of girls."

Jiltian  
Conley-12



"I love the team! We're as close as family. We support each other all the time and that helped a ton this season. I'm really going to miss the seniors because they made the team as close as ever."

Tessa  
Wisdom-10



**By: Brittany E. Coffey**

Junior Tara Fieldhouse waits with anticipation to bump the ball to another teammate to try to make a point. Varsity played a hard match against the Lowell Red Devils and won one match out of four.

*Below:* Varsity Row 1: Shayla Recker, Ashley Hudspeth, Kendra Terborg, Stacy Prairie, Row 2: Laura Myers, Taylor Wright, Brittany Stall, Row 3: Coach Greg Welch, LeighAnn Skratsky, Tabitha Newcomb, Jessica Hamstra, Brooke Wireman, Tara Fieldhouse, Pamela Zuchowski.



*Middle:* Junior Varsity Row 1: Freshmen Row 1: Catherine Marich, Olivia Tuono, Jennavieve Kolb, Karly Rentschler, Abigail Wilder, Row 2: Kassandra Piatt, Morgan Cullings, Kaitlyn Schultz, Megan Smith, Tressa Hester, Brittney Newberry, Lisa Gately, Row 3: Neisha Maisonet, Kayla Fieldhouse, Taylor Cavinder, Heather Wireman, Stephanie Tokarz, Jordan Morse, Tabitha Boerema, Coach Lorrie Lewellan.



# Volleyball

## Hitting it off

**T**wo words that described the girls volleyball team were strong and powerful. With a record of 7-20, the Volleyball team started their season off with a win against Rensselaer. "We did our best, and I'm really proud of how far we got," said senior Laura Myers.

Though the team was young, they never let their spirits down. Every match the team went out cheering each other on. "I was nervous at first because it was my first year, but I had a lot of fun, and I made a lot of friends. I love the game because this sport is so competitive," said freshman Cassandra Platt.

There was only one senior on the team, Laura Myers. She was honored at Senior night when the team gave her a handmade blanket and a bundle of balloons in their appreciation of her hard work, leadership and determination. "I am going to miss our only senior very much, and I'm never going to forget her," said sophomore Brittany Stall.

Awards included: Most Valuable Player- Jessica Hamstra, Best Offensive Player- Tara Fieldhouse, Best Defensive Player- Pamela Zuchowski, Sportsmanship award- Laura Myers, and Kougaur Pride award- Shayla Recker. Team was coached by Greg Welch.

**\*Q:** What did you enjoy most about volleyball this season?

**A:** "I loved the feeling I got right before a game. It's a huge adrenaline rush and when game time came, nothing else mattered." Shayla Recker- 11

## Volleyball scores

|                    |      |     |
|--------------------|------|-----|
| Rensselaer Central | won  | 3-2 |
| Lowell             | lost | 0-3 |
| Hobart             | won  | 3-2 |
| Andean             | lost | 0-3 |
| Highland           | lost | 0-3 |
| Munster            | lost | 0-3 |
| Lowell             | lost | 0-3 |
| Hobart             | lost | 1-3 |
| Andean             | lost | 0-3 |
| Highland           | lost | 0-3 |
| Griffith           | won  | 3-1 |
| Munster            | lost | 0-3 |
| Rensselaer Central | won  | 3-1 |
| Andean             | lost | 0-3 |

## What was your most memorable moment?



"I'm really going to miss all the treat bags we got during school. Sectionals was the best, we got pillow cases and the best candy."

Pamela  
Zuchowski- 11



"Playing against Highland when I got hit in the face. It was so embarrassing. I also had the second most digs that same game."

Laura  
Myers - 12

Brittany Stall - 10 & Tara Fieldhouse - 11

**BY: Debra M. Wood**

With a smack of the ball back to his Highland rival, senior Jordan Kolb scores a point to win the match. The team lost to Highland 2-3.

Stretching to his fullest, sophomore Brad Van Soest returns the ball to his opponent to score a point. Kougars ended up beating Griffith 2-3 in their matches.



Row 1: Jordan Kolb, Erick Halaburt, Jonathan Clifford, Jonathan Torbitt, Philip Stewart Row 2: Kyle Dehning, Micah Raebel, Jacob Watts, Derek Smenyak, Josiah Schaefer, Coach Dan Roberts.

Dominant: In his doubles match, senior Jonathan Torbitt prepares himself to receive a serve from his competitor. Torbitt said he most enjoyed, "Going on the court and working hard enough to break some strings."



Josiah Schaefer-12



Derek Smenyak-10



# Boys Tennis

## Game, Set, Match

**W**inning matches, good serves, hard play, and team work were just some ways to describe the tennis team. Junior

Philip Stewart related to "...the people on the team. They are what usually make up the difference between a boring or a fun team, and this was definitely fun."

Practices were not always fun. Their practices consisted of conditioning, long periods of running, and playing matches with each other; however, in the end it turned out well with a record of 7-7, and a conference record of 3-3.

Varsity team was not able to advance to Regionals, but senior Micah Raebel and sophomore Brad Van Soest were able to go to Regionals in the doubles category. They weren't able to make it farther than Regionals, but they were proud for being able to participate. Raebel said, "This was a great way to end my senior year, and I will miss playing with my team."

Awards received at the banquet included: Most Valuable Player-Jordan Kolb; Most Dedicated-Jonathan Torbitt; Most Improved-Jacob Watts; and Rookie of the year-Micah Raebel.

**\*Q:** What do you enjoy most about playing on the tennis team?

**A:** "Playing other competitive people from different schools and just being able to hit the ball around with someone. It is a lot of fun." Kyle Dehning-09

### Tennis scores

|                    |              |     |
|--------------------|--------------|-----|
| Benton Central     | lost         | 0-5 |
| Rensselaer Central | won          | 5-0 |
| Knox               | won          | 4-1 |
| Hobart             | won          | 3-2 |
| Munster            | lost         | 0-5 |
| Griffith           | won          | 3-2 |
| Wheelar            | lost         | 1-4 |
| Andrean            | won          | 5-0 |
| Lowell             | lost         | 1-4 |
| Highland Doubles   | 5th out of 8 |     |
| MC Marquette       | lost         | 2-3 |
| Highland           | lost         | 2-3 |
| Knox Tourney       | 5th out of 8 |     |
| Crown Point        | lost         | 1-4 |
| Portage            | won          | 4-1 |
| North Judson       | won          | 5-0 |

### What is your most memorable moment?



"I will always remember Coach Roberts' sayings, especially the 'dropper for the ages' and 'back door Eleanor'. It makes me laugh every time."

Micah  
Raebel-12



"Our bus rides are the best because we all just have fun and goof around. I also like playing the sport with all my friends on the team."

Jacob  
Watts-12



**By: Brittany E. Coffey**

Shooting a free throw in the last few seconds of the game, sophomore Zachary Overby scores another point for the Kougars. Overby scored 10 points in the game against Gary Wirt.

Freshmen Ryan Helton and Evan Dahm guard their opponent from Gary Wirt. They were able to prevent him from getting the ball.



**Bottom:** Freshman Row 1: Nickolas Hillers, Derek Erny, Derick Nelson, Derrick Dekock Row 2: Bo Vanderwoude, Dylan Patrick, Evan Dahm, Steven Wilson, Bradley Leegwater, Coach Roy Shepherd

**Middle:** Junior Varsity Row 1: Trace Fitzpatrick, Ryan Hornback, Zachary Overby, Alex Jerzyk Row 2: Coach Rob Sinclair, Bradley VanSoest, Jay Witvoet, Chet Turnbaugh, Ryan Helton, Coach Scott Hamstra



**Team meeting**

# JV Boys Basketball

## Jump, Shoot, Score

**T**his great game of basketball can, of course, be a fun and enjoyable experience. However, it also demands discipline, hard work, and mental toughness. Lessons learned on the basketball court can almost always be applied off the court. If you learn from it, something great can be taken from every experience and applied to your everyday life.

The team started their season off with a big win against Rensselaer, their biggest rivals. Freshman Evan Dahm said, "The toughest thing in basketball were the practices. They were very

challenging, and we worked hard." Freshman Coach Roy Shepherd said, "The team worked hard this year and I'm really proud of the way they performed." The team ended their season with a record of 5-15.

JV awards included: Top rebounder-Bradley Van Soest, Top Defender-Trace Fitzpatrick, Most Improved-Zach Overby.

Freshmen awards included: Most improved-Cody Nelms, Kougur Hustle-Dylan Patrick, Mental Attitude-Brad Leegwater, Best Free Throw-Evan Dahm.

**Q: What is one thing you are never going to forget?**

**A:** "I love how close we all became. I'm never going to forget all the friends I made."

Dylan Patrick-10

## Basketball scores

|              |      |       |
|--------------|------|-------|
| Rensselaer   | won  | 42-40 |
| Kouts        | lost | 39-43 |
| Boone Grove  | won  | 48-18 |
| Andrean      | lost | 38-42 |
| Tri-County   | lost | 25-40 |
| Knox         | lost | 40-49 |
| Laf. Jeff.   | lost | 32-52 |
| Munster      | lost | 25-67 |
| North Newton | lost | 53-13 |
| Valpo        | lost | 15-51 |
| Lowell       | lost | 23-33 |
| Highland     | lost | 42-50 |
| Hobart       | won  | 40-25 |
| Hebron       | won  | 48-38 |
| Gary Wirt    | lost | 39-55 |
| Portage      | lost | 34-59 |
| Griffith     | lost | 35-44 |
| North Judson | lost | 30-36 |

## What was your most memorable moment?



"My most memorable moment was being elected captain of the team. It was a great experience."

Trace  
Fitzpatrick-10



"Winning against Rensselaer. They have always been our biggest rivals, and I'm glad we won against them."

Jay  
Witvoet-10

Dylan Patrick-10

**By: Detra M. Wood**

During a tough game against Val-paraiso, senior Jacob Watts goes up for a jump shot to score two points for the Kougars. Watts has been at the varsity level for three years.

After a shot goes up, senior Joseph Campbell boxes out his opponent to rebound for two points. Campbell said what he will miss most about the team is, "...all my teammates, and all the fun trips we took together. Those are the memories that I won't forget."



Row 1: Micah Raebei, Anthony Johnson, Matthew DeFries, Jacob Birky  
Row 2: Coach Bill Shepherd, Coach David DeFries, Alex Byers, Jacob Watts, William Recker, Ryan Boezeman, Joseph Campbell, Coach Scott Hamstra, Coach Nathan Albertin.

*Dominant:* Trying to get around a North Newton Spartan, senior Alex Byers takes it to the hoop. Byers was successful for scoring 14 points during the game.





# Boys Basketball

## Working together

**W**inning games, working hard and creating great teamwork were just some ways to describe the boys varsity team. Seven seniors made up the majority of the nine player team. Senior Alex Byers said, "I will never forget when Jacob Watts shot at the wrong basket. It was hilarious." Senior Ryan Boezeman said what he enjoyed most, "...were the home games and all the people that came out to cheer us on."

Their accomplishments included winning sectionals at home and advancing to Regionals in Plymouth for the first time since 1992.

Winning Friday night games

wasn't an easy job for the varsity. They had to work hard at practices that consisted of scrimmaging each other, hard drills that pushed them to the limit, and harsh running. Teamwork was another part to the success of the nine player team. Senior Joseph Campbell added, "I think we played better as a team this year than ever before."

Awards included: Most Improved-Matthew DeFries and William Recker; Free throw percentage-Jacob Watts; Kougur Hustle-Joesph Campbell; Mental attitude-Anthony Johnson and Ryan Boezeman; Top Rebounder-Alex Byers; Top Defense-Micah Raebel, Most Assists-Alex Byers; Top three-point shooter-Jacob Birky.

**\*Q:** What will you remember most about winning sectionals?

**A:** "When the crowd rushed the floor after we won to celebrate our victory. I will also never forget cutting down the net." Anthony Johnson-12

### Basketball Scores

|                  |      |        |
|------------------|------|--------|
| Rensselaer       | won  | 76-63  |
| Boone Grove      | won  | 70-68  |
| Kouts            | lost | 67-70  |
| Andrean          | lost | 80-93  |
| Tri-County       | won  | 55-44  |
| Knox             | lost | 61-69  |
| Laff. Jeff       | lost | 45-89  |
| Zionsville       | won  | 55-51  |
| Franklin Central | lost | 44-70  |
| Munster          | lost | 46-102 |
| North Newton     | won  | 63-45  |
| Valparaiso       | lost | 50-54  |
| Lowell           | lost | 53-55  |
| Highland         | won  | 53-45  |
| Hobart           | won  | 66-60  |
| Hebron           | won  | 61-52  |
| Gary Wirt        | won  | 56-45  |
| Portage          | won  | 72-70  |
| Griffith         | lost | 57-66  |
| North Judson     | lost | 54-64  |

### What was your most memorable moment?



"All the team parties, the Madden tourney, and the Zionsville trip where we almost came out champs."

Micah  
Raebel-12



"All the camps we went to as a team. I will never forget all the fun trips and places we went."

William  
Recker-12

Jacob Birky-11

**By: Shannon Morrison**



**Hillary Hoffman- 9<sup>th</sup>**



**Katrice Patrick- 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Allison Myers- 9<sup>th</sup>**



**Kimberly Proud- 9<sup>th</sup>**



In the team's win against Hanover Central, Sophomore Marissa Myers plays defense. "I will never forget our human pyramid at Lauren's house. I loved being on the Junior varsity team and some things, a player can never forget," said Myers of her team memories.

Row 1: Nicole Maffitt, Carissa Lovely, Rebecca Nichols Row 2: Tiffany Conley, Kimberly Proud, Samantha Sullivan, Katrice Patrick Row 3: Coach Shelly Flick, Stacy Prairie, Ashley Boonstra, Marissa Myers, Brooke Wireman, Tessa Wisdom, Coach Ryan Myers.

Row 1: Katelyn Berdine, Hillary Hoffman, Courtney Coffey Row 2: Randi Crim, Taylor Cavinder, Allison Myers, Katelyn Schuitz, Taylor Patrick, Coach Jennifer Walstra.



## JV & Freshmen Girls Basketball

### Exposing an open shot

**T**aking any open shot to their advantage the girls defeated their opponents with teamwork and fundamentals. "I'm so proud of the girls, they fought hard for their wins, and continued playing no matter what," said freshman coach Jennifer Walstra.

Coach Walstra declared her pride for the team after defeating the 59'ers. When Andrean fouled with four seconds left on the clock, the Kougars had a chance to lead the score that was tied at 14. Overtime proceeded, and the team quickly took the lead. Andrean took several failed shots to the basket but could not stop the Kougars.

"I will never forget being rewarded the Midwinter Classic Champs. Junior Varsity

team won together, the girl's had to play hard and that was definitely the highlight of our season," said coach Ryan Myers. Argos and Rochester were both defeated by the Junior Varsity team during the Midwinter Classic.

Junior Varsity awards included: Defensive Player of the Year-Tiffany Conley; Impact Player-Kimberly Proud; Best Free Throw Percentage-Samantha Sullivan; Most Improved-Tiffany Conley; Most Rebounds-Brooke Wireman.

Freshmen awards included: Mental Attitude- Courtney Coffer; Most Improved- Allison Myers; Most Rebounds- Morganne Sytsma; Hustle Award- Taylor Cavinder; Impact Award- Taylor Patrick.

**\*Q: Mr. Myers, who do you think had the most potential on the JV team?**

**A:** "Samantha Sullivan, Kimberly Proud, and Tiffany Conley showed the most potential on the entire Junior Varsity team, and will be counted on heavily next year."

### Junior Varsity scores

|              |      |       |
|--------------|------|-------|
| Bishop Noll  | won  | 34-28 |
| Crown Point  | lost | 17-42 |
| Highland     | lost | 17-23 |
| Morgan       | won  | 34-14 |
| Morton       | won  | 33-18 |
| Boone Grove  | lost | 25-29 |
| Lowell       | won  | 25-23 |
| South Newton | won  | 31-15 |
| Hobart       | lost | 26-28 |
| Gavit        | won  | 29-28 |
| Rochester    | won  | 23-20 |
| Argos        | won  | 37-28 |
| North Judson | won  | 35-25 |
| Griffith     | lost | 25-36 |
| Wirt         | won  | 42-19 |
| Munster      | lost | 25-29 |
| Andrean      | lost | 24-36 |
| Rensselaer   | won  | 37-21 |
| North Newton | won  | 41-18 |
| Hanover      | won  | 33-19 |



Freshman Morganne Sytsma shoots for a three-pointer in the conference against Andrean. Sytsma led the team in rebounds with two offensive rebounds and six defensive rebounds.

### What have you learned from your new coach?



"I've learned that without passing the ball you can't win a game. Teamwork means everything. If you don't want to leave defeated. You work as a team to win as a team. So passing the ball is very important."

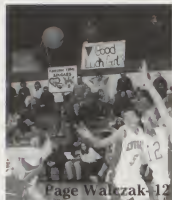
Courtney Coffer-9



"Coach Myers proved to the team in every game that you only have one chance to play high school basketball. So try your hardest to make the best of it and never look back because you can only learn from your mistakes."

Samantha Sullivan-9

**By: Greg Melton**



Page Walczak-12



Kendra Terborg-11



Brittany Heerema-11



Pamela Zuchowski-11



With grace and speed in her arsenal of tools, sophomore Brandee Hudspeth slips by her opponent. Brandee shot a lay up to add two points to the score for her team.

Row 1: Lauren Hamstra, and Jillian Conley Row 2: Brooke Wireman, Brandee Hudspeth, Kendra Terborg, Brittany Heerema, and Manager Renee Martin Row 3: Coach Mike Sampson, Coach Shelly Flick, Marissa Butler, Ashley Vankley, Page Walczak, Pamela Zuchowski, Katrice Patrick, Coach Ryan Myers, and Coach Jennifer Walstra.

Sophomore Marissa Butler dives after a ball in her game against Andean. Butler successfully knocked the ball over to her teammate to regain control and score two points in the quarter.





# Varsity Girls Basketball

## Exposing their strength

**S**trength and determination were the only words that could have described how the girls played at Sectionals against long time rival Rensselaer. Their season record was 9 wins to 12 losses. The team was made up of four sophomores, five juniors and two seniors. This was called a rebuilding team or a green team.

Though most of the players were new it did not halt their spirit or their determination when they played against tough opponents like Hammond Morton,

Hammond Gavitt and Hanover Central.

Awards included Best Free Throw Percentage- Brandee Hudspeth, Most Improved- Pamela Zuchowski, Best Field Goal Percentage- Page Walczak, Ashley VanKley, and Marissa Butler, Most Rebounds- Page Walczak, Mental Attitude- Brittany Heerema, and Defensive Player of the Year- Jillian Conley. Seniors Page Walczak and Jillian Conley received plaques for their Varsity Captain Award.

**Q: How did it feel playing Rensselaer at Sectionals?**

**A:** "It was very exciting! The whole mood was amazing. All the students were there cheering us on. It was one of the best feelings ever!"

Brandee Hudspeth-10

## Basketball Scores

|                 |      |       |
|-----------------|------|-------|
| Bishop Noll     | won  | 58-43 |
| Crown Point     | lost | 31-59 |
| Highland        | lost | 19-48 |
| Morgan Township | won  | 42-29 |
| Hammond Morton  | won  | 43-41 |
| Boone Grove     | lost | 47-63 |
| Lowell          | won  | 53-30 |
| South Newton    | won  | 52-25 |
| Hobart          | lost | 42-50 |
| Hammond Gavitt  | won  | 46-42 |
| Rochester       | lost | 38-39 |
| West Central    | lost | 31-42 |
| North Judson    | lost | 57-58 |
| Griffith        | lost | 33-47 |
| Gary Wirt       | won  | 59-30 |
| Munster         | lost | 41-57 |
| Andrean         | lost | 42-55 |
| Rensselaer      | lost | 45-58 |
| North Newton    | won  | 62-55 |
| Hanover Central | won  | 57-51 |
| Rensselaer      | lost | 42-45 |

## What was your most memorable moment?



"The last 30 seconds of the Hammond Morton game. I got fouled by one of their girls and made my two free throws to win the game."

Page Walczak- 12



"When Katrice Patrick gave Coach Sampson a black eye at practice. It was an accident, of course."

Ashley VanKley- 11



Passing the ball off to one of her open teammates, junior Ashley VanKley runs one of the many plays she and her teammates learned in practice. Teamwork played a big role in basketball, along with all of the other sports.

While swimming the 200 relay, senior Jonathan Clifford swims freestyle. During that swim Jonathan came in 2nd place.



**Robert Erwin-12**



**Kaylie Fritts-11**



**Mal Linn Hanslein-12**



**Emily Peregrine-11**

**By: Elizebeth Minya**



Row 1: Lindsay Sittima, Corrine Janavich Row 2: Adriana Garza, Alecia Penninga, Julie Hamstra Row 3: Mal Linn Hanslein, Kaylie Fritts, Kelsey Osborn Row 4: Coach Kevin Stephens, manager Jessica Witvoet, Brandi Baccino, Emily Peregrine, Kathleen Randolph, Erin Hoffman, manager Alexa Murray Back row: Paige Quesnell, Brittany White, Jessica Tendeck, Ashley Newton, Tewsdady Babicka, Allison Goetz, Rachel Dahn, Kristen Axtell, Breanne Cheverette, Teresa Hester, Kristin Fritts

Row 1: Jon Quesnell, Robert Sittima Row 2: Ryan Parker, Jeremy Fleege Jordan Kolb, John Laski, Caleb Tillema, Randall Livengood, Urban Jason Kellman, Chad Ketchum, manager Sarah Brown Row 3: Daniel Correal, Robert Erwin, Derek Vandermolten, Jacob Patzschke, John Rawlings, Joshua Tillema, Scott Conley, Jonathan Clifford



# Swimming

## Making a splash

**T**he girls swim team had a record breaking season that had everyone in an uproar. At Sectionals alone, the girls broke seven records with all relays placing from first to fifth.

One exceptional player was senior exchange student, Mai Linn Hanslien, who placed 14th at State, a first for KV. Mai Linn broke the breast stroke record with the time of 1:07.85.

"All the girls did great, and I'm proud of all of them," said Coach Kevin Stephens after KV's last meet.

Boys swim team finished with an 8th place finish out of 14 teams at the Crown Point Sectionals.

senior Jonathan Clifford, who broke a KV record. Jonathan was also the most valuable diver. He placed 10th in the 50 free and came in 6th while swimming 200 free relay with Scott Conley-12, Jacob Patzschke- 10, and Derek Vandermolten-12.

Boys Awards included: Team Captains-Jonathan Clifford, Robert Erwin, and Scott Conley, Rookie-Robert Sittema, MVP- Jonathan Clifford, Most Improved-Jacob Patzschke, Most Valuable Diver-Jonathan Clifford.

Girls Awards included: MVP- Mai Linn Hanslien, Most Valuable Diver-Corinne Janavich, Most Improved-Teresa Jill Hester, Rookie-Breanne Cheverette, Mental Attitude-Adriana Garza.

**\*Q:** What was your favorite part about going to State and why?

**A:** "It was really fun to go to state, and I was really excited to compete against swimmers at different levels."  
Mai Linn Hanslein -12

### Boys Swimming scores

|                   |            |           |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Highland          | 80-104     | lost      |
| Harrison          | 74-112     | lost      |
| Munster           | 37-149     | lost      |
| Knox              | 120-54     | won       |
| Griffith          | 81-104     | lost      |
| Rensselaer Relays |            | 3rd place |
| Wheeler           | 98-86      | won       |
| Merrillville      | 66.5-117.5 | lost      |
| Lowell Invite     |            | 3rd place |
| Lowell            | 103-79     | won       |
| K.V. Invite       |            | 4th place |
| Hobart            | 109-74     | won       |
| Rensselaer        | 71.5-111.5 | lost      |
| NCC Meet          |            | 3rd place |
| Twin Lakes        | 115-68     | won       |
| Morton            | 111-69     | won       |
| Sectionals        |            | 8th place |

### What did you enjoy most about swimming?



"Some of my favorite times were having fun with all the girls. They really made it exciting. Also, I loved the backstroke. I swam like that almost every meet."

Tewsdaay  
Bahicka-10



"I had an amazing time at practice. I do not think there was ever a serious moment. We always joked about something."

Kelsey  
Osborn-10

Senior Corinne Janavich took the first dive in the meet against North Judson. Janavich has been diving for four years.

At sectionals sophomore Kyle Chadwick gets in position to pin his opponent. Chadwick won the match and advanced to regionals.



John Lapota-12



Nathan Ooms-10



Joshua Bolen-11



Nicholas Gillespie-11

**By: Laura A. Myers**



Row 1: Manager Jessica McCoy, Cody Brzezinski, Trevor Butler, Aaron Kearney, Nicholas Kearney, Adam Mandeville, John Lapota, Matthew Mulloy, Kyle Chadwick, Blake Marlatt, Nicholas Berdine, Manager Angela Boezeman Row 2: Aaron Betancourt, Seth Raebel, Jeffrey Laski, Shawn McDaniel, Micah Wallace, Dustin Schultz, Joshua Bolen, Joseph Barcelli, Nicholas Watkins, Shire Williams, Robert Kaniuk, Shellie Haley Row 3: Coach Tom Dellehan, Blake Jarrette, Dakota Maze, Brian Knlp, Thomas Ramsey, Durrall Hale, Donovan Czarnecki, Corey Molden, Edward Wilson, Dakota Dellehan, Jacob Erwin, Nathan Ooms, Assistant Coach Cole Patrick.

During the final match against North Newton, seniors Thomas Ramsey, John Lapota, and Nicholas Kearney are honored. Kougars were able to defeat North Newton during their last home match.





# Wrestling

## Pinning Down A Win

**U**nder the wing of a new coach, Tom Dellahan, Kougars were off to a great start defeating Munster 35-33 and Rensselaer 51-21. "Beating Munster in our first home match was my most memorable moment. It was a really good feeling to win," said junior Jeffery Laski.

The wrestling team set down team goals consisting of being competitive, having two or three wrestlers go to semi-state, and teaching proper fitness and nutrition. Achieving one of their goals, the Kougars sent senior Nicholas Kearney to compete in the 135 lb. division, and sophomore Dustin Schultz in the 130 lb. at semi-state.

Sophomore Kyle Chadwick said, "It was great to have eight wrestlers advance to Regionals, and having two make it to Semi-State was even better. As a team we did a great job working together and competing."

Other accomplishments included fifth place at the NCC meet and fifth place at Sectionals.

Awards included: Team Captain-Nicholas Kearney; Outstanding Wrestler Award-Nicholas Kearney; Clean Back Award-Aaron Kearney; Ironman Award-Trevor Butler, Dustin Schultz, Nicholas Kearney, Aaron Kearney, Joshua Bolen, John Lapota, Adam Mandeville.

**Q: How did it feel to make it to Regionals as a freshman?**

**A:** "It felt really great. I was very excited to be a part of it, but I started thinking that Regionals was going to be twice as hard."

Dakota Dellahan-9

### Wrestling scores

|              |           |       |
|--------------|-----------|-------|
| Munster      | won       | 35-33 |
| Rensselaer   | won       | 51-21 |
| Lowell       | lost      | 29-46 |
| Hobart       | lost      | 17-54 |
| Andean       | won       | 63-12 |
| Griffith     | lost      | 34-37 |
| Highland     | lost      | 30-37 |
| NCC Meet     | 5th place |       |
| North Newton | won       | 42-25 |

### What was your most memorable moment?



"When John Polomchak would show up to practice. When he did, the intensity rose, and he taught me more than I can remember."

Dustin Schultz-10



"Going to Semi-State was a great feeling. I felt like I really accomplished something. It was a great way to end my senior year."

Nicholas Kearney-12



Junior Jeffery Laski was able to defeat his opponent 7-5 at a home match against North Newton. Laski contributed to the 42-25 win.

**By Detra Wood  
& Brittany Coffey**

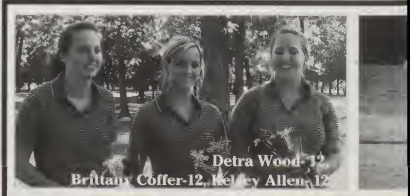
Sophomore Angela Boezeman chips the ball up to the green, and is able to get the ball next to the hole making a par. This was Boezeman's first year playing at the varsity level.

With her 5 Iron, senior Kelsey Allen drives the ball close to the green. She said what she enjoyed most was beating our rivals from Hobart.



Row 1: Breanne Cheverette, Heather McMillan, Brittany Coffey, Nicole Moffitt, Angela Boezeman Row 2: Coach Dennis Sterrett, Breanne Jonkman, Kelsey Allen, Detra Wood, Emily Peregrine, Jacquelyn DeVries, Kimberly Proudt.

*Dominant:* Hitting a nice shot to the green, senior Brittany Coffey watches and concentrates on her ball. She was able to make par on the first hole of her meet.



Detra Wood-12  
Brittany Coffey-12, Kelsey Allen-12

# Girls Golf

## Taking it to the pin

**G**entlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden' is what the word *golf* used to stand for. Girls varsity team proved that was not true with the outstanding record of 16-1.

With only one loss against Twin Lakes, the girls became the NCC conference champs. "We did the team thing this year. We won as a team, and we lost as a team. I am extremely proud of the leadership and tenacity of the girls. Not only were they great golfers, but they were great people as well," said second year Head Coach Dennis Sterrett.

The team had long and hard practices to get them as far as they did. Their

practices consisted of playing nine holes with two or three partners. "Practices were always fun. I love just going out and goofing around with all my friends. The thing I'm going to miss most about golf is riding around in the cart with Detra after our home matches," said senior Brittany Coffey.

Even though the girls were unable to make it to Regionals—they lost by only two strokes to Lowell: the girls never let their spirits down. "Even though we didn't make it to Regionals, I still had a lot of fun. It was a good way to end my senior year," said senior Detra Wood.

Awards included: Most Valuable Players- Detra Wood, Brittany Coffey, Kelsey Allen, Heather McMillan.

**Q:** What do you enjoy most about being on the golf team?

**A:** "It is such a fun sport and the team is so fun to be around. We are all so close to each other."

Emily Peregrine- 11

### Golf Scores

|              |      |         |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Boone Grove  | win  | 198/217 |
| North Judson | win  | 202/233 |
| West Central | win  | 205/225 |
| Highland     | win  | 192/217 |
| Andrean      | win  | 206/245 |
| Hobart       | win  | 211/222 |
| Munster      | win  | 196/207 |
| Rensselaer   | win  | 210/214 |
| Lowell       | win  | 215/221 |
| Griffith     | win  | 215/250 |
| South Newton | win  | 206/209 |
| Twin Lakes   | loss | 205/177 |
| Wheeler      | win  | 202/216 |

### What is your most memorable moment?



"Being the first team to win the NCC and having the season record of 16-1 was awesome. Also, being able to break the record for most wins was exciting."

Detra Wood- 12



"When we had the record of 16-1 and won the conference. This has been the best year for me and the team."

Jacquelyn DeVries- 11



Heather McMillan- 11

**By: Debra M. Wood**



**Stefani Williams-10**



**Tabitha Newcomb-10 & Kimberly Ludtke-10**



**Jessica Higgerson-11 & Taylor VanVuren-11**



**Carli Oney-9**

**\*Photos compliments of Sparks shop studio**



During competition the squad shows off their difficult routine in front of a big crowd. Their hard work paid off by scoring over 200 points and getting a bid to attend Myrtle Beach in North Carolina.

Row 1: Hannah Sparks, Carli Oney, Kimberly Leudtke, Alyssa Tronjo, Samantha Farias, Kaitlyn Howard, Trisha Poisel Row 2: Katherine Mestrovich, Kyndra Armstrong, Stefani Giebudowski, Jessica Higgerson, Stephanie Williams, Paige Hardin, Brianna Yarchan, Jillian Kolb, Whitney Gladdis, Tabitha Newcomb Row 3: Taylor VanVuren, Sommer Grace.

While there is a time out at the varsity basketball game, the squad does a loud cheer that gets the fans going. Some of the favorite cheers that were performed were "Go Big Red" cheer and "Give me a K."





# Cheerleading

## Yell it loud, Yell it proud

**C**hants, jumps, and stunts aren't just for boys sports. Varsity cheerleading accomplished many tasks throughout the basketball season.

The squad went to Indianapolis for a competition scoring over 200 points and qualifying for the Myrtle Beach competition. Junior Trisha Poisel said, "It was the biggest competition we have ever been to so it put a lot of stress on us. We all worked very hard."

Something different for the squad was only having a junior varsity and varsity team during the basketball season. Our freshman team was able to cheer on the side lines for the football team.

The only freshman for the basketball season was Carli Oney. Oney mentioned how she felt about being on the squad. "At first, I was a bit overwhelmed about being the only freshman, but now it's really no big deal. Everyone on the squad has made me feel welcomed."

Awards included: Kaylah Sutton-Jillian Kolb; Varsity Captains-Hannah Sparks & Devon Southard; Most Improved-Jessica Higgerson; Most Spirited-Katherine Mestrovich and Taylor VanVuren; Sportsmanship-Leigh Ann Skratsky; JV Captain-Stefani Giebudowski & Kimberly Luedtke; Best Jumps-Whitney Gladdis; Best all Around cheerleader-Hannah Sparks and Carli Oney; Most Dedicated-Carli Oney.

**Q: What are your feelings toward cheerleading?**

**A:** "Cheerleading is great. The experience has definitely been something to remember. I have learned many things from the girls on the team."

Katherine Mestrovich-12

**What do you enjoy most about cheerleading?**

"I like the adrenaline rush that I receive when we perform in front of a big audience. It's a really great feeling."

Jillian Kolb-12

"When I cheer, I love knowing that somewhere in the crowd there is a little girl that watches me and wants to grow up and cheer too."

Kaitlyn Howard-11



At half time during the boys varsity basketball game, sophomore Brianna Yarchan cheers with the girls from the mini cheer camp. Varsity cheerleaders put on a show with grades K-6 to teach new cheers to the young girls.



Senior Hannah Sparks and junior Paige Hardin do a cheer called "Yell it loud, Yell it proud" at half time. Sparks said she will most miss, "Just hanging with the girls because we were all crazy and had many funny memories from camp, bus rides, and games."



Concentrating on the hole, senior Anthony Johnson puts the ball. Johnson hit the ball into the hole after three hits and scored top for the night.



Row 1: Kyle DeYoung, Robert Sittema, Derrick DeKock, Erick Halahurt, Derek Smenyak, Chris Schiavonie, Kyle Whited, Walter Wians Row 2: Joseph Campbell, Clayton Prairie, Andrew Prentoski, Anthony Johnson, Kenny Proud, Gary Ison, Kristopher Proud Row 3: Coach D.J. Sterrett



# Boys Golf

## Staying up to par

**S**tarting off the year, the boys golf team had great expectations. In spite of a spring out of Alaska, fifteen "Ironmen" completed the season 12-10.

Despite the harsh weather which included rain and freezing temperatures in April, the boys took to the frosty Sandy Pines greens. "The team started the season playing in matches in which temperatures hovered above freezing, and there was a mist in the air. We continued to play in weather that was not conducive to golf," said third year Coach Dennis Sterrett.

On May 30, the team headed to Sectionals which were played on the Valparaiso course. They finished fifth.

Prior to teeing off at Sectionals, seniors Gary Ison and Anthony Johnson signed letters of intent to play golf for the Crimson Wave at the Calumet College of Saint Joseph. Coach Sterrett added, "I am proud to pass them on to Coach Topoll so they can positively affect his team."

Awards included: Most Valuable Players- Gary Ison, Anthony Johnson, and Kenny Proud, Most Improved- Joseph Campbell.

## \*Q: What was your favorite part of golf?

**A:** "Everyone on the team put forth their best effort and always knew how to have fun. Having them on the team was my favorite part of golf. I also loved the challenge of all the meets." Anthony Johnson -12

## Boys Golf Scores

|              |      |         |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Winamac      | loss | 151/169 |
| Rensselaer   | won  | 174/114 |
| Highland     | won  | 179/194 |
| Hanover      | won  | 173/184 |
| Wheeler      | won  | 173/224 |
| Griffith     | won  | 172/196 |
| Knox         | won  | 186/175 |
| Boone Grove  | loss | 169/154 |
| Munster      | loss | 174/171 |
| North Judson | won  | 183/194 |
| Lowell       | loss | 186/191 |
| Winamac      | won  | 178/214 |
| Merrillville | won  | 178/202 |
| Knox         | won  | 183/186 |
| Hobart       | loss | 171/178 |
| Andrean      | loss | 167/170 |
| Sectionals   | 5th  |         |

## Why do you play golf over other sports?



"I chose golf over other sports because I have always liked the challenge that it brings. I loved all the opportunities it held to get better, and my teammates helped me a lot."

Robert Sittema -9



"It was my first year of golf, and I joined to have a new experience with my class members. Practices with the team and Sterrett were always so much fun, and I'm really looking forward to next year."

Erick Halaburt -11

**By: Detra M. Wood**

Keeping her eye on the ball, senior Melissa Roldan hits back to her opponent for a point. Roldan was able to beat her opponent from Lowell.

Playing against Munster, senior Elizabeth Tilley smashes the ball across the court to score a point. Tilley said, "I'm going to miss the girls the most. They are all so goofy, and they always cheer me up with funny remarks after a bad loss."



**Dominant:** At a home match against Rensselaer, sophomore Brianna Yarchan uses all her strength to hit back to her opponent. Yarchan was able to beat her opponent in a tough match.

Row 1: Lauren Leegwater, Melissa Roldan, Elizabeth Tilley Row 2: Kayla Fieldhouse, Jessica McCoy, Jessica Taulbee, Kendra Terborg, Lauren Wierzbza, Shayna Polomchak, Teresa Hester Row 3: Jacquelyn Hamstra, Brook Wireman, Tara Fieldhouse, Jessica Hamstra, Lauren Shea, Brianna Yarchan, Samantha Trainor, Dorothy Weishaar, Tessa Wisdom



Lauren Leegwater-12



# Girls Tennis

## Making a Racket

**F**or the first time in many years the girl's varsity tennis team achieved something great. They were able to beat their conference opponent, the Andrean 59er's, 4-1. Junior Tara Fieldhouse said, "It was a great feeling to win against Andrean. They are one of our biggest rivals that we really wanted to beat."

Even though the varsity was a young team, three seniors helped make up the winning record. Sophomore Brooke Wireman mentioned, "I will miss our seniors so much. They were such good team captains, and we got along great with them."

Practices were harsh, consisting of

running, serving, drills for specific skills, and volleys with other teammates. Freshman Kayla Fieldhouse said, "Practices helped me do well because our coaches focused on helping me on specific spots that I needed to use during our matches to make me a better tennis player."

Great chemistry with each other on the team also helped out the girls' with their wins. Junior Lauren Wierzbza said, "I really enjoyed playing the sport, but I also enjoyed all the time spent with the team. We all got along great."

Awards included: Most Valuable Player—Jessica Hamstra; Most Improved—Brianna Yarchan; Sportsmanship award—Elizabeth Tilley; Rookie of the Year—Kayla Fieldhouse.

**Q:** What do you enjoy most about being on the tennis team?

**A:** "Tennis is a lot of fun, but I really enjoy it because I get to spend time with friends. We also get really good food after our matches."

Jessica Hamstra—11

### Tennis Scores

|                    |           |     |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|
| Hammond Morton     | lost      | 2-3 |
| Hobart             | lost      | 2-3 |
| Munster            | lost      | 0-5 |
| Griffith           | won       | 3-2 |
| Andrean            | won       | 4-1 |
| Lowell             | lost      | 1-4 |
| River Forest       | won       | 4-1 |
| Highland           | lost      | 0-5 |
| Rensselaer Central | won       | 5-0 |
| Boone Grove        | won       | 5-0 |
| KV Invite          | 2nd place |     |
| Lake Station       | won       | 5-0 |

### What is your most memorable moment?



"When I was able to beat Andrean in three sets. It was a really good feeling to win a conference match."

Kendra Terborg 11



"When Kendra and I won the doubles bracket, we won over Marquette to win the championship. It was an awesome feeling."

Dorothy Weishaar- 10

Tara Fieldhouse-11

## By: Greg Melton

Senior William Recker, sophomore Bo VanderWoude, and senior Joshua Fiffeld push themselves to win in the 100 meter dash. They ended up placing first, third and fourth against North Judson.

Bo VanderWoude-9



John Rawlings-10



Devin Jordan-12



Seth Raebel-9



Senior Joshua Tillema runs the 1600 meter dash. The 1600 meter dash combines speed and endurance in one race.

Far Right: Following through, senior Phillip Laney practices throwing his discus before his match. Laney faced players from both Boone Grove and River Forest.

Row 1: Manager Ashley Rector, Kenneth Higginson, John Marse, Joshua Fiffeld, Devin Jordan, Seth Raebel, Rande Livengood, Manager Amber Forrestall Row 2: Nicholas Bobis, Matthew DeFries, Caleb Tillema, Jacob Patzschke, John Laski, John Rawlings, Dustin Schultz, Kyle Kressen, Joshua Tillema, Ian Kleeck Row 3: Bo VanderWoude, Eric Allbritten, Jacob Erwin, Scott Conley, Lee Knip, Zachary Overby, Samuel Capouch, Jeffrey Laski Row 4: Coach John Schulte, Steven Wilson, Dakota Albert Maze, Micah Schaefer, Gregory Boer, Phillip Laney, Shawn McDaniel, Jacob Watts, William Recker, Tyler Musch, David Walstra, Coach Rich Lunsford, Coach Dan Roberts



# Boys Track

## Exposing their versatility

**M**uscles expanded and contracted as the team ran, jumped, threw, and vaulted its way into a second Sectional victory.

Coach Dan Roberts said, "Coach Lunsford, Coach Schulte, and myself take great pride in preparing our athletes for competition. The boys were up to the challenge. Joshua Fifield, Joshua Tillema, William Recker, and an injured David Walstra had huge meets. Our distance guys really stepped up as well. It was a total team effort on all parts."

Along with its Sectional win, the

team won the Twin Lakes relays for the second consecutive year. Along with the girls track team, the boys won the Twins Lakes Corporate Trophy.

Awards received included: Distance Captains William Recker, Dustin Schultz, and David Walstra, Academic Award Jacob Watts, Rookie of the Year Phillip Laney, Co-Most Valuable Athlete Joshua Fifield and David Walstra, Co-Most Improved Matthew DeFries and Caleb Tillema, Co-Most Dedicated Joshua Tillema and Dustin Schultz, Tri-Jim Thorpe Award Joshua Fifield, Joshua Tillema, and David Walstra.

**\*Q:** How did it feel to win Sectionals?

**A:** "It felt amazing, especially because we won Sectionals twice in a row."

Caleb Tillema 10

### Boys Track scores

|                    |      |             |
|--------------------|------|-------------|
| Hanover Central    | won  | 93-56       |
| Andrean            | won  | 88.5-43.5   |
| Munster            | lost | 47.5-84.5   |
| Twin Lakes Relays  | won  | 1st         |
| Hobart             | lost | 58-74       |
| Griffith           | won  | 105-24      |
| Twin Lakes         | won  | 95.5-36.5   |
| Delphi Relays      | lost | 2nd         |
| North Judson       | won  | 100-32      |
| Highland           | won  | 77-28       |
| Lowell             | lost | 50.33-81.66 |
| Gene Edmond Relays | lost | 3rd         |
| NCC                | lost | 4th         |
| Boone Grove        | won  | 108-38      |
| River Forest       | won  | 108-21      |
| Sectionals         | won  | 1st         |



Sophomore Rande Livengood throws the shot put with all of his might. Form was very important when throwing, so you did not hurt yourself.

### How do you feel when you finish a race?

"After each and every race I feel a sense of accomplishment and a step closer to becoming a top athlete."

Shawn  
McDaniel-11



"Emotionally, I feel like I have conquered a very superb goal, while physically, my muscles scream pain, and my lungs feel as if they're going to explode."

Steven  
Wilson-9



Out-running North Judson, senior Corinne Janavich leaps high in the 100 meter hurdles. Janavich placed third in her race ahead of two other opponents belonging to North Judson.



Teri Harrington-10



Titlany Conley



Nicole Kerner-12



Kelcey Osborn- 10

**By: Shannon Morrison**



Jillian Conley places first in hurdles against Boone Grove. "The feeling after a good race is amazing. Knowing my form was good, and I did my best is the best feeling a racer could have," said Conley.



Row 1: Page Walczak, Laura Myers, Julie Dykstra, Jillian Conley, Katrina VanderWoude, Lisa Augdal, Corinne Janavich, Nicole Kerner, Mallinn Hanslein Row 2: Nicole Maffitt, Kristin Fritts, Courtney Coffey, Natalie Henning, Tiffany Conley, Jordan Morse, Kendra Groves, Mallory DeFries, Ellarce Swim, Jorden Dellahan, Breanne Jungels, Chelsea Geesa, Brittaney Sokol, Karrington Shults Row 3: Catherine March, Randi Crim, Rachel Dahn,

Teri Harrington, Kristen Hanlon, Jamie Wireman, Jessica Coffey, Kaylie Fritts, Alexa Schlavone, Breanne Jonkman, Stephanie Tokarz, Carl Oney, Brittany Newbury, Coach Amanda Pollard Row 4: Coach Lydia Clark, Angela Boezeman, Brittany White, Candace Leepwater, Emily Peregrine, Pamela Zuchowski, Marissa Butler, Kelcey Osborn, Breanne Chevrete, Kelly Dykstra, Robin Starr, Coach Lane Lewallen



# Girl's Track

## Timing our life one step at a time

**B**reaking two records was just the beginning for the team that placed a distance runner in the 1600 meter at state.

Kristin Fritts advanced to the Indiana University campus with her mile time of 5:09 where she finished fourth with a track time of 5:03.94.

Kelsey Osborn, Candace Leegwater, Kristin Fritts, and Alexa Schiavone broke the 4 x 800 with a time of 9:55.6. Also breaking a school record for pole vault was senior, Nicole Kerner with a height of 8'6".

For the first time in 17 years, the track team defeated all opponents in Sectionals.

All-Conference Honorable Mention was awarded to Emily Peregrine for her fourth place spot in Sectionals for discus. "It feels amazing to make it to Regionals. For at least three years no thrower has made it out of Sectionals, and I am so excited to say that I've made it this far," said Peregrine.

Awards included: Most Valuable Distance Runner- Kristin Fritts, Most Valuable Sprinter/Hurdler- Katrina VanderWoude; Jillian Conley, Most Valuable Thrower- Emily Peregrine, Most Valuable Jumper- Marissa Butler, Rookies- Jordan Morse; Abbey McKee, Kougat Pride Award- Page Walczak.

### **Q: What are your thoughts about the past season, and making it to Regionals?**

**A:** "These young ladies have had a remarkable year. Sectional Champions, ranked in the area Top Ten, and personal records set. To get 15 individuals, all three relays to the Regional and Kristin to state was remarkable. Coach Clark, Coach Pollard, and I could not be any prouder of them." Coach Lane Lewallen

## Girl's Track Scores

|          |      |        |
|----------|------|--------|
| Munster  | Lost | 33-99  |
| Andrean  | Won  | 105-25 |
| Hobart   | Won  | 101-30 |
| Griffith | Won  | 108-23 |
| Highland | Won  | 93-39  |
| Lowell   | Won  | 89-43  |

Fritts finished just nine seconds behind the winner from Culver who finished the race in 4:55.12. The top five finish and the experience were pluses for the young runner who gained confidence in Bloomington.

### What was your favorite part about track?



"Breaking a high school record my freshman year was very exciting and a great experience. I definitely could not have done it without the other three amazing runners who broke it with me. Breaking the 4 x 800 was definitely my favorite part about track."

Kristin Fritts-9



"The best part about track was pole vaulting because it was an experience I got to share with my best friend Nicole. We shared the school record for a long time and helped each other improve. Friends are what made track so fun."

Julie Dykstra-12



Leaping high and far, sophomore Kristen Hanlon competes in the running long jump. Kristen landed softly in the sand, out-jumping her opponent from Andrean.

With a three and two count, Junior Christopher Cooper hits a nice line shot up the middle to get a single. Kougars played at home and beat Hammond Gavit 13-3.



Kale Popp-11



Bradley VanSoest-10



Tyler Cox-11



Varsity Team

Varsity Row 1: Micah Raebel, Tyler Simmons-Eakin, Phillip Stewart, Jacob Birky Row 2: Rex Marskamp, Daniel Blanton, Michael Tilley, Kevin Bobby, Christopher Cooper, Adam Mandeville, Alex Byers Row 3: Coach Doug Greenlee, Michael Kochevar, Casey Grover, Kale Popp, Chet Turnbaugh, Mitchell Sysma, Tyler Cox, Coach John Stamper, Coach Ryan Armstrong

By: Laura Myers



Junior Varsity Row 1: Chad Allard, Tyler Cambe, Timothy Mathis, Trace Fitzpatrick, Anthony Shields, Cody Stovall, Samuel Bass Row 2: Brent Webster, Trevor Williams, David Anderson, Zachariah Marshall, Bradley VanSoest, Dylan Patrick, Calvin Saltzman, Travis Kaluf

Freshmen Row 1: Dustin Blanton, Derrick Nelson, Colt Phelps Row 2: Tyler Roe, Robert Griffith, Derrick Erny, Bradley Leegwater, John Sobierajski Row 3: Zack Lotz, Evan Dahm, Urban Jason, William DeWitt, Chadd Ketchem, Austin Oosterhoff

# Baseball

## It's going, going, gone

**O**pening the season, Varsity shut out Hebron 10-0 in four innings. Senior Alex Byers hit a homerun and freshman Kevin Bobby along with junior Kale Popp had triples.

A major highlight for the team was winning their first conference game against Lowell with a definitive score 7-6. Junior Adam Mandeville said, "My most memorable moment was going 4 for 5 during the game against Lowell."

For the second year in a row IHSAA has chosen a KV baseball player for the IHSAA Drug Free Athlete. "It's a good feeling to be a role model for younger athletes. I enjoyed talking to kids about

being drug-free and having fun playing sports in the process," said senior Micah Raebel on receiving that honor.

Varsity awards included: Best Mental Attitude-Alex Byers; Most RBI's-Kale Popp; Highest Batting Average-Christopher Cooper; Most Home Runs-Kale Popp; Lowest ERA-Christopher Cooper; Most Pitching Wins-Micah Raebel; Most Stolen Bases-Kevin Bobby; Highest On Base Percentage-Christopher Cooper; VUKO Award-Jacob Birky.

Junior Varsity Awards included: Highest Batting Average-Trevor Williams; Pitching Award-Trevor Williams; Most Runs Scored-Dylan Patrick; Highest On Base Percentage-Timothy Mathis.

**\*Q: What do you enjoy most about being on the baseball team?**

**A:** "I like the strong character of our team. We come out ready to play and are always willing to learn new things from our coaches. We give 100% every time we are on the field." Michael Kochevar-12

### Baseball scores

|                         |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Hebron                  | 10-0      | won       |
| KV Classic              | 5-8,9-2   | lost,won  |
| Griffith                | 0-1,8-9   | lost,lost |
| Andrean                 | 1-9,1-4   | lost,lost |
| Hobart                  | 4-16,7-12 | lost,lost |
| Munster                 | 9-13,1-6  | lost,lost |
| Highland                | 5-7, 4-8  | lost,lost |
| Lowell                  | 7-6,9-2   | won,won   |
| South Newton            | 7-7       | tie       |
| Gavit                   | 8-12,13-3 | lost,won  |
| Morton                  | 4-5       | lost      |
| LaCrosse                | 6-5       | won       |
| Covenant                | 13-2      | won       |
| Rensselaer              | 12-0      | won       |
| North White             | 5-1       | won       |
| North Judson            | 4-3       | won       |
| CP Tourney              | 16-17,1-4 | lost,lost |
| West Central Sectionals | 11-1      | won       |
|                         |           | Lost      |

### What was your most memorable moment?



"Making varsity as a freshman, being able to play with amazing teammates, and having Mr. Greenlee as my coach were some of my best moments."

Kevin Bobby-9



"The game against Lowell was called due to darkness at the end of the sixth inning. When they came back, we scored on a wild pitch to win."

Chet Turnbeaugh-10



During warm up, junior Adam Mandeville practices catching foul balls. Mandeville caught three foul balls during the game.

**By: Brittany E. Coffey**



**Tabitha Newcomb-10**



**Varsity team**



**Detra Wood-12**



**Kelsey Allen-12**



Senior Krystal Higgerson slammed the ball to the center field which allowed a run in to score in the game. Higgerson said, "One thing I am never going to forget is our crazy team. We all got along so well."

Varsity Row 1: Ellise Jolink, Kelsey Allen, Krystal Higgerson, Detra Wood, Carlissa Lovely, Row 2: Stacy Prairie, Hillary Hoffman, Kimberly Proud, Samantha Sullivan, Amanda Villalpando, Row 3: Coach Marilyn Hart, Katrice Patrick, Coach Michael Hart, Taylor Wright, Taylor Patrick, Coach Katelyn Corn, Coach Brian Flynn.



Junior Varsity Row 1: Katelyn Berdine, Paige Hardin, Jenna-vieve Kolb, Morgan Cullings, Row 2: Marissa Warren, Katie Valcich, Sydni Troy, Abby Tognarelli, Britany Stall, Kassandra Platt, Row 3: Coach Patricia Peo, Tabitha Newcomb, Morganne Sytsma, Taylor Cavinder, Heather Wireman, Ashley Boonstra, Coach Christina Gulbrandsen.





# Softball

## Hey batter batter, swing!

**C**oming into the 7th Inning, Lady Kougars were down by one, with a runner on first. The ball was hit to the short stop, who threw it to the second baseman. The second baseman tagged the base then turned and threw it to the first baseman which created a double play. Both runners were out.

Kougars were up to bat next. With runners on second and third, sophomore Amanda Villalpando came up to bat. She hit the ball to the third baseman. The third baseman threw it to the first baseman, and she dropped it. Kougars won the hard game against Tri-County Cavaliers.

Sophomore Katrice Patrick said, "Practices weren't easy, but they were fun. I

will never forget when Coach Hart gave Krystal a ground ball, hit her in the eye and gave her a huge black eye. I felt so bad for her."

Along with varsity victories, JV team had an outstanding year as well. The team won the Lowell Tournament by coming in first place out of ten teams.

Awards included: Varsity: Best Bating Average- Krystal Higgerson .397, Most Hits - Elise Jolink 28, Most Runs Batted In - Kelsey Allen 19, Pitching Most Wins - Carissa Lovely 7, School Record for home runs- Krystal Higgerson, season 5, career 12.

JV: Most Valuable Defensive Player - Kassy Piatt, Most Valuable Offensive Player- Ashley Boonstra, Most Improved- Katelyn Berdine, Kougars Pride - Morganne Sytsma.

**Q: What is one thing you enjoyed most about playing softball?**

**A: "I really enjoyed the coaches. They were really funny and made all the practices and games really fun."**

**Elise Jolink-11**

## Softball Scores

|                   |          |            |
|-------------------|----------|------------|
| South Central     | won      | 15-2       |
| Lowell            | lost     | 3-8        |
| Hobart            | lost     | 5-6        |
| Wheeler           | lost     | 4-8        |
| Munster           | lost     | 0-4        |
| Andrean           | lost     | 0-5        |
| Highland          | lost     | 0-8        |
| Griffith          | lost     | 0-6        |
| Merrillville (DH) | won, won | 11-1, 11-3 |
| Lowell            | lost     | 1-7        |
| Hobart            | lost     | 0-10       |
| Munster           | lost     | 1-4        |
| Andrean           | lost     | 1-9        |
| Highland          | lost     | 0-8        |
| North Judson      | won      | 14-4       |
| Tri-county (DH)   | won, won | 6-5,       |
| Griffith          | lost     | 0-6        |
| North Newton      | won      | 2-0        |
| Hebron            | lost     | 0-10       |
| Westville         | won      | 2-0        |
| Rensselaer        | won      | 12-2       |
| West Central (DH) | won, won | 14-0, 15-6 |

## What was your most memorable moment?



"I will always remember the Tri-County game when we were in the 7th inning, and we were down by one, and I made a hit that won the game."

**Amanda Villalpando- 11**



"When I pitched a no hitter against Michigan Marquette. That's one of my biggest accomplishments ever."

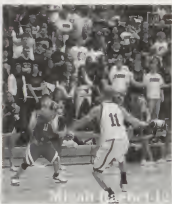
**Carissa Lovely- 10**

Concentrating on what to throw next to the batter, sophomore Hillary Hoffman waits for the signal from the catcher. Hoffman ended up striking out four batters in the game against Andrean.

**By: Detra M. Wood  
Pictures By:  
Morgan Myers**



Matthew Delles 10



Jacob Wait 12



Senior Alex Byers drives to the hoop, scoring two points against Northwestern at Regionals in Plymouth. The final score for the Regional game was 64-59.

A time out is taken by the Kougars Coach Roy Shepherd where he talks with the team about their strategy against the Bombers. The team beat the Bombers in the championship game to win Sectionals.

When the buzzer sounds a monstrous crowd rushes the floor to congratulate the boys for winning. Senior Ryan Boezeman was lifted up by the crowd to be praised for his great efforts during Sectionals.



# Post Boys Basketball

## Swooshing through Sectionals

**S**ince 1992, the Sectional has eluded the halls of KV. On March 1, nine boys accomplished something that went down in history in a 61-42 win over Rensselaer. For Senior Anthony Johnson, the moment was dominated by "The crowd rushing the floor to celebrate with us after we won."

In the first round of Sectional play Kougars defeated Andean 59er's 70-48 and Calumet Warriors 68-65.

Throughout the sectional and regional play the dedicated student body showed their school spirit and support

for the team by dressing and painting themselves white to create an intimidating white-out. To promote the white-out the Kougars Krazies sold T-shirts and provided transportation to the regional game in Plymouth.

The week of the big games, the morning announcements consisted of Principal Mr. Phillip Apple's words of encouragement, and members of the varsity team thanking the student body for all of their support.

Even though the boys didn't win their regional game, it was a good fight ending with a 5 point loss at 64-59.

### : How did it feel to win Sectionals?

**A**:"It was amazing...It was the best feeling I've ever had in any sport. All the hard work paid off, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. The best part was cutting down the net." **Matthew DeFries-11**

### What will you remember about winning?



"When the loud crowd rushed the floor to congratulate us was my highlight. I also enjoyed taking the net down because now I have a piece to remember."

**Ryan Boezeman-12**



"I will never forget when all of us cut off a piece of net. I also won't forget the crowd cheering us on. That was awesome."

**Joseph Campbell-12**

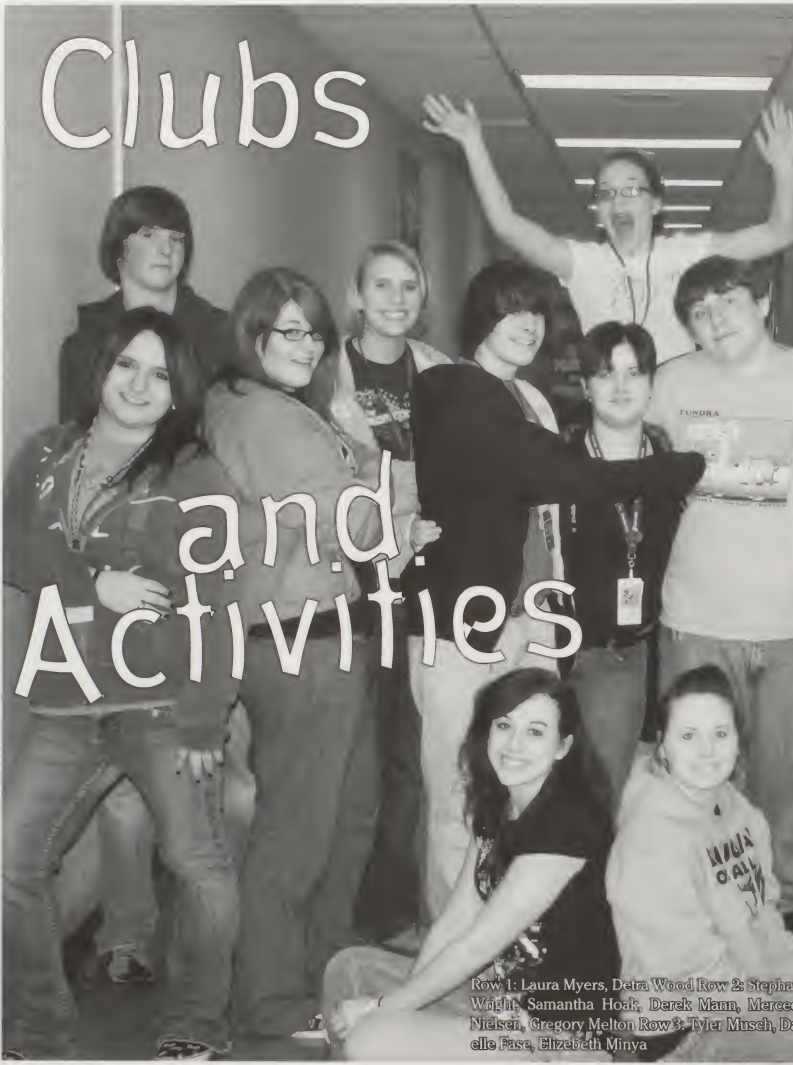


Cutting down the net is part of the tradition of winning Sectionals. Senior Alex Byers cuts a piece off to remember that he was part of the sectional win.



After winning the championship game against Rensselaer, senior William Recker talks with a radio broadcaster "It was the first interview I had ever had. I really enjoyed talking and being on the radio. It's something I will remember from my senior year."

# Clubs and Activities



Row 1: Laura Myers, Detra Wood Row 2: Stephanie Wright, Samantha Hoak, Derek Mann, Mercedes Nielsen, Gregory Melton Row 3: Tyler Musch, Danielle Fase, Elizabeth Minya



# EXPOSED\*



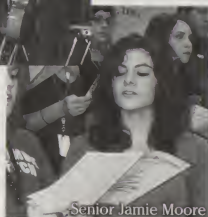
Academic Decathlon Team members senior John Burton, junior Drew Cezar, and senior Alyssa Francell.



Math teacher Ms. Howard



Junior Megan Axtell



Senior Jamie Moore

\*Clubs are defined as **groups that combine or join together for a common purpose**. Clubs and activities have molded and melded most of our friendships throughout the years and have helped make our environment a better place by allowing students to be involved in local and regional activities like trips to local restaurants with Foreign Language Club, cheering at football games in Kougars Krazies, organizing a play through Drama Club, discussing a novel with Book Club, or competing in Solo & Ensemble in Band.

# KOLOR GUARD

GATE 4

REST ROOMS



"I love the adrenaline rush right before you step on the field," said senior Brittany Mann. "The Guard did so well and I am very proud to be on the team," added senior Alexa Murray. "My favorite part about Guard was the privilege to lead them as captain," said senior Adriana Garza.

With hands on their knees, sophomore Kathleen Randolph, seniors Alexa Murray and Adriana Garza, and junior Kourtney Frieden dance to "Love Addict". It was their last performance of the year.



Row 1: Brittany Mann, Adriana Garza, Alexa Murray  
Row 2: Kourtney Frieden  
Row 3: Sydny Troy, Erin Hoffman, Samantha Brown, Amy Conley, Sarah Estrada  
Row 4: Danielle Sell, Kathleen Randolph, Jessica Tendeck



Standing proud, the Kolor Guard team grips their rifles tight and awaits their cue to start their drill routine. Guard started practice about two months before their performance at the State Fair Band Day.



By: Alexa Murray





## Kolor Guard is the only place you can whip it, flip it, and strip it in public.

●The year started off early for the guard team. They began practice for marching season in June, two months before band camp practice.

●State Fair was the first competition they competed in where they placed 19 out of 48 other guards.

●Kougarettes continued on to compete at the North Judson competition, ISSMA competition, and the KV Invitational where they placed first and were awarded gold at all three competitions.

●During their shows the girls used different sets of flags: swing flags (which are small handheld flags) and two sets of rifles placed at each end of the field.

●For their competitions the team purchased two new outfits to switch it up during the hot summer days.

●The Guard also performed at three football game halftimes and nine basketball game halftimes.

●Captain was Adriana Garza.

●Kolor Guard coach was Amy Mann. Stephani Mann was their choreographer.

●"My favorite part of performing is when the crowd applauds at the end of the show!" said sophomore Sarah Estrada.



Holding their flags high above their heads, sophomore Sarah Estrada, senior Alexa Murray, junior Kourtney Frieden, and sophomores Erin Hoffman, Samantha Brown, and Amy Conley wait for the second song to start. The guard practiced with band for early-bird practices.

Striking a pose during the winter guard performance, sophomore Erin Hoffman pops her knee and waits for her cue to continue. The girls purchased shirts and shorts for their basketball halftime shows.



### BEHIND THE FLAGS

"My favorite part about performing is seeing the crowd clapping, and screaming. I also love being with my friends and having a good time together."

Sophomore Kathleen Randolph



"I love the feeling I get when we are all out there performing together and doing an amazing job. It makes me proud of all the hard work we put forth. Also, learning new routines and having fun with my friends is another part of guard that I love."

Sophomore Sydni Troy

# CONCERT BAND /



In her first year of high school band, freshman Rachel Ellenson follows Mr. Nicholas Boersma's direction. "I really enjoyed our great teachers. I've learned a lot of new things from them, that I never knew before."

Playing together as a group in St. Louis, the band did amazing at the competition. "Overall, it was a great trip, and it is something I am never going to forget," said senior Scott Conley.



Band: Row 1 Paige Quesnell, Ashley Newton, Tara Jones, Alecia Penning, Holly Salento, Ange Vartago, Mr. Stedle, Row 2 Jessica Skirchul, Sara George, Rebecca Szostek, Savannah Sweet, Brittany Haley, Row 3 Katelyn Pajon, Samantha Marelich, Christopher Landis, Shawana Watkins, Rachel Uldredge, Bradley Hoffman, Mr. Boersma, Row 4 Sara Little, Ashley Guerrero, Amy Krupa, Ginger Snow, Candy Miller-Wood, Victoria Murray, Jordan Davis, Haley Sanchez, Row 5 John Shebesh, Elise Julink, Kathleen Randolph, Amber Plummer, Marissa Warren, Ashley Staley, Christopher Shear, Austin Ridge, Jonathan Buck, Row 6 Courtney McLeish, Morgan Myers, Brianna Patton, Clifford Meadows, Durrell Hale, Dakota Albert Maze, Hannah Sparks, Clara Wiczorek, Row 7 Jessica Witvoet, Alana Matson, Nathan Ooms, Kristen Astell, Anthony Shevock, Zachary Steffl, David Myers, Michael Hunter, Jonathan Vogt, Row 8 Daniel Breyts, Bethany Ferguson, Felicia Fahy, Justin Shepard, Justin Klassen, Aaron Betancourt, Ben Erwin, Christian Pritchett, Jacob Erwin



Jazz: Row 1 Jessica Witvoet, Felicia Fahy, Sara Little, Ashley Newton, Row 2 Samantha Marelich, Victoria Murray, Morgan Myers, Row 3 John Shebesh, Kathleen Randolph, Amber Plummer, Marissa Warren, Austin Ridge, Jonathan Buck, Row 3 Haley Sanchez, Brianna Patton, Kristen Astell, Anthony Shevock, David Myers, Row 4 Clifford Meadows, Durrell Hale, Michael Hunter, Jonathan Vogt, Row 5 Mr. Stedle, Robert Erwin, Jacob Erwin, Mr. Boersma





# JAZZ



## Band : united people joined for a common purpose of playing musical instruments

●Students who received a gold medal at the Indiana State School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Competition were Jessica Skrobol-Flute, Amy Krupa-Oboe, Chris Shear-Trumpet, Nick Watkins-Trombone, String Trio comprised of seniors Adam Betancourt, Scott Conley, and Taylor Scott.

●Students who received gold medals and qualified for the state contest in Indianapolis were Adam Betancourt and Scott Conley-Violins, Clarinet trio of senior Shawna Watkins, junior Bradley Hoffman, and freshman Christopher Landis, and Clarinet choir of Brianna Patton, Rachel Uildriks, Samantha Maretich, Morgan Myers, Sara Little, Ginger Snow, Chris Landis, and Ashley Reed.

●KV String Orchestra and the KV Symphonic Band earned gold medals at the ISSMA Concert Contest.

●New staff member Mr. Nicholas Boersma and veteran director Mr. Kenneth Steidle taught the band classes.

●Band took a trip to St. Louis to compete against other schools. They also went to Six Flags. Concert band earned 1st place class AA and String Orchestra earned 1st place class AA.



Concentrating hard on her music, senior Rachel Uildriks practices her fingerings for the piece on her clarinet. She qualified for state by winning a gold medal in the Indianapolis competition.

Senior Katelyn Pajkos has been in band and playing the clarinet for four years. When asked what her favorite band rendition was, she replied, "Super Sixties because many other songs are incorporated in it, and it's fun to play."

**By: Brittany Cefier**



## BEHIND THE STANDS

"In all the band trips we had, there are so many memories. I am never going to forget about the bus rides."

- Candy Miller-Wood-12



"I love being able to play the instrument that brings everything together. I think the pieces we play sound amazing with the bass drum."

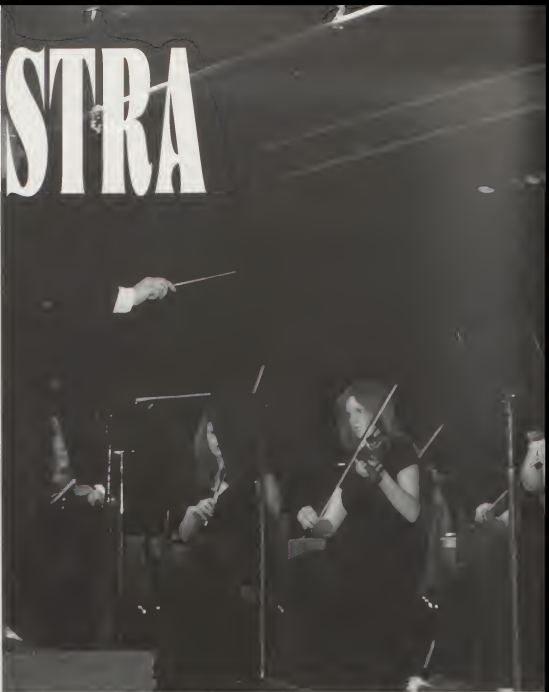
- Christian Pritchett-11

# ORCHESTRA



"My best memory was at the Pop's Concert when Scott and Adam stood on their chairs to play their solos. Also, I could never forget the donut days!" commented sophomore Alaina Matson.

At the concert, playing the song "Dreams of a Midsummer Night", the orchestra made the night for them and the audience memorable.



Orchestra Row 1: Alaina Matson, Alexandria Poole, Danielle Lovely, Taylor Scott, Adam Betancourt, Julia Holm-Hansen, Scott Conley  
Row 2: Catherine Marich, Autumn Matson, Tanya Lynch, Kaitlyn Hansen  
Row 3: Tyler Buchanan, Lindsey Seegers, Leah Shanks, Tina Eeningburg, Jennifer Herishman  
Row 4: Heather Dunlavy, Dillon Partin, Allison Goetz, Hillary Hoffman  
Row 5: Mr. Nicholas Boersma, Mr. Ken Steidle.

Freshman Hillary Hoffman, senior Taylor Scott, sophomore Tina Eeningburg, and junior Leah Shanks took their positions. At the given cue, they began to play.



# Inspiration,

## Expression & Passion... Orchestra

● Spring concerts were held on March 18 and May 8 that were shared with the Band. Orchestra contests were performed on April 12 and a contest held in St. Louis on April 19.

● In ISSMA Solo and Ensemble, seniors Adam Betancourt and Scott Conley were awarded golds for their violin solos. For the String Trio, seniors Adam Betancourt, Scott Conley, and Taylor Scott won golds. Alaina Matson also received gold for her cello solo. String Orchestra for the ISSMA received a gold for their sight reading, where performers played without practice in a group.

● In St. Louis, Orchestra received grand champion and was titled best over all at the music festival.

● Christmas tour was held in December at Wheatfield Elementary and with an invitation by Mrs. Carol Apple at Lincoln.

● Awards consisted of: Outstanding Freshman-Jessica Skrobul; Outstanding Sophomore Amy Krupa; Outstanding Junior-John Shebesh; Spirit Award-Anthony Shevock; Outstanding Marching Band member-Brianna Patton; Outstanding Kolor Guard-Adriana Garza; Outstanding Concert Band Member-Andrew Tillema; National School Orchestra Award-Scott Conley; Woody Herman Jazz Award-John Shebesh; Louis Armstrong Jazz Award-David Myers; Patrick S. Gilmore Award-Brianna Patton; John Philip Sousa Award-Shawna Watkins.

● Sponsors were Mr. Ken Steidle and Mr. Nicholas Boersma.



While attending a contest in St. Louis, members won a Grand Champion trophy and were known for being the best over all, seniors Heather Dulaney, Taylor Scott, Scott Conley, and Adam Betancourt rejoice for their hard work.

Junior Tanya Lynch participates in the every day warmups. Enjoying her hobby, playing the violin, she concentrates on the task at hand-reading her music.

**By: Britta Lengsfreth**

**✱ Scott Conley**



### BEHIND THE PASSION

"It felt good to win a gold for our school. Unfortunately, I was just disappointed that during our contest, I had the flu. At times, it made it very difficult for me."

Senior Scott Conley

**Lindsey Seegers**



"I joined orchestra because I thought it would be fun to learn an instrument and be able to perform on stage with my friends."

Senior Lindsey Seegers

# LEGENDS OF THE WEST



Senior Brianna Patton's favorite memory of Marching Band was, "When all the girls really had to use the bathroom, and we had to use the boys', which wasn't as empty as we thought."

Standing on the field, the horn line shows how well they could stay at attention. They would stay in this position until told to relax from one of the band directors or Drum Majors.

Just after the opener of the marching band, band and Kolor Guard presents their gold rated performance. Direction was given by senior Drum Majors Brianna Patton and David Myers.



A boy who knows how to multi-task, sophomore Nathan Ooms performs with the horn line during halftime at a football game. Senior cheerleader Hannah Sparks also went from chants to music during halftime.





## This is HOW the WEST was WON!

● Over the summer, the Band and Kolor Guard had Band Camp, which consisted of being at the school from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Working in the hot sun all day really paid off for them. Their show came together to win many gold medals over the season.

● "Legends of the West" was the theme for the marching show. Drum Majors were seniors Brianna Patton and David Myers.

● Songs included "How the West Was Won" and "Riders in the Sky." The closer was the fast paced "Cowboys."

● Awards received for the season were Indiana State Fair Band Day-placed 32nd. Kankakee Valley Invitational-earned a Gold Rating, as well as Music Performance and General Effect. At the North Judson Interscholastic Festival they were awarded a Gold Medal and Honors in Music Performance, Visual Performance and Auxiliary Performance. They were the only band to do so at that competition.

At ISSMA they earned a Gold Medal.

● Band Directors were Mr. Ken Steidle and Mr. Nicholas Boersma.



After marching onto the field, the band warms up their instruments as the guard dances in a circle to get their adrenaline pumping for the show. Every performance was a different experience.

During an early bird morning practice, junior Nathan Ooms and senior Jessica Witvoet play their music as well as march into formation. Early Bird was every morning at 7 a.m.



### BEHIND THE MARCHING

"My favorite part of Marching Band is going to the State Fair Marching Competition. It is so cool to see each and every person in band have a complete focus for attaining a Gold."

Sophomore Ashley Newton



"I enjoyed all the good times on the band bus, the cornucopia of inside jokes, and the marching most of all."

Senior Andrew Tillema

# DRAMA/JAM



Freshman Kristen Axtell, sophomore Terah Slawnikowski, senior Sara Little, and others give Mrs. Steiner a group hug. Improv was filled with a lot of affection along with very random skits.

Performing a skit for a game at improv is freshmen John Quisnell and Kyle Dehning, and senior Eric Alvarado. The blue team's Willy Wonka Four Corners skit was a favorite.



Jam Row 1: Jacquelyn DeVries, Melissa Gonzalez, Brittney Newbury, Charles Ward, Sarah Brown, Catherine Marich, Tanya Lynch. Row 2: Mrs. Sheila DeYoung, Corey Hayes, Trevor Marvin, Jessica Whitset, Stephanie Tokarz, Terah Slawnikowski, Meghan Stalbaum, Brittany White. Row 3: Steven Seeben, Dillon Partin, Eric Fulkerson, Amy Krupa. Row 4: Colin DeYoung, Cameron Bell, Zacharia Marshall, Daniel Byrte, Jake Biloss, Derrick Sears, David Mills.



Doing a celebratory dance during break is the green team. Other improv members not on a team were used as "Wild Cards". Their names were written on playing cards and picked at random to help each team during their skits.



# Expressing

## our emotions through talent

- Sponsor of Drama Club was Mrs. Jill Steiner.
- Improv was held May 16 and 17.
- Improv players stayed after school to practice until 6 to get ready for the big event.
- They worked very hard for the fall play "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning" and also for the spring play "Seussical the Musical".
- The most over looked of the drama members were the crew and technology workers.
- Crew Workers included David Myers, Anthony Shields, Samantha Trainor, Kai Justice, Jessica McCoy, Brandi Baccino, Emma Allen, and Rebecca Nichols.
- On the light deck were Juniors Robert O'Connel and Eric Halaburt.
- Also, Mr. Carey put a lot of hard work into building props for the plays.



Showing good sportsmanship, the opposing team hugs each other ecstatically. Mrs. Steiner stands in the background about to blow her whistle at the two teams to separate

David Myers, a senior, and Anthony Shevock, a sophomore, perform a skit at improv. The actors took ideas from the audience for their skits.

By: Brandi Baccino



### BEHIND THE SCENES

"Improv was a lot of fun. Getting to hang out with all my goofy team members was a blast. I will definitely be participating in improv in my years to come."

Freshman Kristen Axtell



"The most fun improv game I have ever played would have to be four corners because the players will often forget their left from their right, and you never know what is going to happen."

Senior Sara Little

# STUDENT COUNCIL



During Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9, Mrs. Gayle Smith wore her 'squirrel' pajamas to school. Teachers received treats all week from Student Council and wore different clothes for fun.

Senior Mai Linn Hanslein, freshmen Marissa Warren, Breanne Cheverette, and Abbey McKea, and sophomore Kelsey Osborn cheer after winning in their dodgeball match. The tournament was won by Men in Tights



Senior Tera Ritchie painted her design on her senior block. Seniors were given one block on which to paint a lasting impression. Senior banner was painted by Rachel Uildriks.



Student Council: Row 1: Brianna Patton, Holly Kampenga, Kristopher Probst, Ashley Hudspeth, Melissa Roldan, Kyle Whited, Meghan Stalbaum, Philip Stewart Row 2: John Rawlings, Jillian Kolb, Callie Gurtz, Katrina Vanderwoode, Jack Laski, Jordan Kolb, Jonathan Clifford, Kaylie Fritts Row 3: Alissa Fraticelli, Sarah Brown, Jonathan Torbett, Micah Raebel, Hannah Sparks, Jessica Delving Row 4: Robert O'Connell, Daniel Hudspeth, Aaron Kirovsky, Paige Hardin, Whitney Gladdis, Chris Schiavone, Donald Capouch Row 5: Andrew Matson, Jillian Conley, Jacquelyn DeVries, Joshua Smith, Jeffrey Laski, Zachary Waters Row 6: Erica Patton, Karrington Shults, Heather Wireman, Anthony Shields, Lauren Cooley, Jessica Colfer, Samuel Capouch Row 7: Brian Koip, Kai Justice, Alexia Schavone, Heidi Maisonet, Dustin Schultz, Anthony Shevock, Tera Slawkowski, Brittany White, Shawn McDaniel, Chet Turnbaugh, Brandee Hudspeth, Tessa Wisdom, Bo Vanderwoode, Seth Raebel, Jordan Morse, Carl Onye, Breanne Jungles Row 8: Angel Zentz, Steven Leach, Courtney Colfer, Natalie Henning, Tifany Corley, Krastin Fritts, JennaVieve Kolb



Matthew DeFries, junior, rocks out at Battle of the Bands hosted by Student Council. DeFries' band, Controlled

Chaos, won the cash prize of \$300 by earning the most votes from the audience in the packed auditorium.





## “Commit to get fit!”

### Council dodges, bikes, runs, walks for health.

- Sponsor: Mrs. Heather Carey.
- President-Melissa Roldan, Vice President-Kyle Whited, Secretary-Holly Kampenga, Treasurer-Ashley Hudspeth, Parliamentarian-Phillip Stewart, Historian-Meghan Stalbaum, Points Officer-Brianna Patton.
- Meetings were held on Thursdays before school at 7:30. Students discussed upcoming events and ways to make the school better.
- Student Council once again hosted Mr. KV. MC's were juniors Zachary Waters and Ashley Hudspeth.
- Homecoming and all the events that took place during Homecoming week were hosted by Student Council.
- During Valentine's Day they gave out IFLURTZ which cost \$3.
- To stay fit and help others, Student Council hosted Hoops for Hearts, Dodgeball and Bike to School Day.
- On May 3, Student Council hosted their annual courtyard clean up. Students picked up garbage in the courtyard and planted flowers.



During their Valentine Day party, freshman Lisa Anne Lane and aide Mrs. Sheila Shields receive candy and white teddy bears. Student Council members also played games and ate cookies with the students in Mr. Paul Epley's class.

**By: Elizabeth Silva  
and Shannen Morrison**



### BEHIND THE MEETINGS

"I joined Student Council because I wanted to get involved in school. My favorite memory was when I went to the National Conference the summer of my junior year. I met so many new people, and it was an amazing experience. My biggest accomplishment was becoming President two years in a row."

Senior Melissa Roldan



"I really learned a lot of leadership skills. I have learned how to step up and help out. I have also learned responsibility. I would definitely advise StuCo to anyone thinking about joining."

Freshman Heather Wireman

# Seussical



Senior Jonathan Torbitt

"I played the character of Cat in the Hat and there couldn't be a more fun character to play. The best part of Seussical was the food. Dinner time was the best because there were so many laughs," said senior Jonathan Torbitt.

Gathered center stage, The Who's listen contentedly as the Grinch, senior Eric Alvarado, tells them the story of The Grinch. This scene was towards the end of the performance.

Bird girls Rachel Scott, Jessica Skrobul, Sarah Little, Amanda Colbert, and Ashlie Collins mock Gertrude McFuzz, Carolyn Weaver, about her short tail. "The best part of performing in Seussical was definitely being around the other actors. I made so many new friends by joining the play!" said freshman Jessica Skrobul.

Senior Nathan Leath sings to The Who's about how he knows that they exist and how he's going to help them. In the performance, Horton the Elephant, Leath, could hear The Who's and was determined to protect them from harm's way.



By: Stephanie R. Wright

# Seussical the Musical!

● Seussical was performed on stage on March 7, 8, 14, and 15.

● Jonathan Torbitt played the role of Cat in the Hat, Drew Jackson as JoJo, Nathan Leath as Horton the Elephant, Carolyn Weaver as Gertrude McFuzz, Brittney Smiejek as Mayzie La Bird, Taylar Scott as Sour Kangaroo, Andrew Matson as Mr. Mayor Who, Chloe Wallenstein as Mrs. Mayor Who, Eric Alvarado as General Schmitz, Grinch, Yertle the Turtle, and a Hunch. Bird Girls included Jessica Skrobol, Stephanie Kingma, Sara Little, Ashlie Collins, Rachel Scott, and Amanda Colbert. Wickersham Brothers included Terah Slawnikowski, Anthony Shevock, Jimmy Veal, Dustin Blanton, Kyle Dehning, and Jimmy Guerrero. The Who's consisted of Sam Parker, Meghan Stalbaum, Kara Veal, Amanda Isajewicz, Brittney Hale, and Allison Stanton.

● The director of the performance was Mrs. Jill Steiner. The assistant director was Mrs. Hallie Chiki. The productions assistant was senior David Myers.

● Children of all ages played characters and key roles in the performance.



Eric Alvarado and Taylar Scott, seniors, have a good time on stage during the performance. "My favorite part was frequently running backstage to change into my four different costumes throughout the performance," said Eric.

Seniors Brittney Smiejek and Jonathan Torbitt sing on stage about leaving the egg with Horton. In this scene, Smiejek is at a resort where Torbitt is serving her.

**NATHAN LEATH**



## Behind the Curtains

"I really enjoyed performing in front of all the little kids. They enjoyed it a lot. I played Horton the Elephant."

-Nathan Leath-12

**CAROLYN WEAVER**



"I would have to say that curtain call is my favorite part of performing. I get to see how much the audience enjoyed the show, and it's a great feeling having hundreds of people cheering for what you worked hard to put together. I played Gertrude McFuzz."

-Carolyn Weaver-11

# Art Club



President Jacquelyn DeVries, junior, concentrates on painting the window. She was one of many who participated in this club activity.

Junior Megan Axtell has fun while painting a snowman on the windows for the winter holidays. "My favorite thing that Art Club did was decorate the school for Christmas," said Axtell.



Art Club: Row 1: Christy Stoermann, Daniel Hudspeth, Sara Little, Joshua Smith, Jacquelyn DeVries Row 2: Amanda Isapewicz, Meneke Borochard, Cristina Mason, Jasmine Glab, Lindsey Seegers Row 3: Gabe Caggiano, Colin DeYoung, Zachary Lutz, Bristol Allen

**Foreign Language Club**  
Sponsor: Mrs. Gail Smith  
President: Stephanie Boissy  
Vice: Marissa Tillema  
Treasurer: John Lapota  
Secretary: Lindsey Seegers

FLC: Row 1: Maria Gomez, Steven Leach, Brandee Hudspeth, Anthony Shields, Kai Justice, Jakob Erwin, Keasey Osborn Row 2: Melissa Gonzalez, Sayra Barrera, Andria Sanchez, Tina Eeningburg, Savanna Sweet, Zachary Shonk, Matthew Krupa Row 3: Dulce Ravalcaba, Randie Sanchez, Alaina Matson, Mitchell Mullen, Shanelle McKinney, Catherine March Row 4: Ashley Rector, Rebecca Sostek, Kiara Young, Jtane Peterson, Jordan Hanley, Heidi Masi, sonet, Brandi Baccano



FLC: Row 1: Michelle Dahn, Jessica Dehning, Sarah Brown, Jaquie Moore, Jasmine Glab, Lindsey Seegers, John Lapota, Cullen Garret Row 2: Brianna Patton, Daniel Hudspeth, Shawna Watkins, Abigail Jones, Adam Betancourt, Brooke Mathis Row 3: Morgan Meers, Leah Shanks, Danielle Mullen, Bianca Garcia, Julian Zavala, Vinita Fregoso Row 4: Stephanie Kingma, Rebecca Denningburg, Angella Vaz, Cumpia, Riley Reynolds, Stephanie R. Wright, Julian Loslo, Row 5: Keasey Tillema, Joshua Smith, Zachary Waters, Ashley Hudspeth, Jacquelyn DeVries, Andrew Matson, Row 6: Ryan Bennett, Lauren Glintore





**"It gives you a chance to relax, put things together, and call it art!"**  
**-Junior Megan Axtell**

●Senior Meredith Hammons and juniors Stephanie Boissy and Jacquelyn DeVries petitioned at the beginning of the year for an Art Club. "We felt that the school was wrong in canceling our club. We thought that there was a lack of appreciation for art here at KV, thus, we petitioned to get it back," said President Jacquelyn DeVries.

●Art Club painted the windows in the entrance of the school for the winter holidays. The designs painted included snowmen, snowflakes, penguins, etc.

●They also participated in decorating the high school cafeteria for the Sunshine dance in January.

●Ms. Christy Stoermann stepped up as the sponsor. Jacquelyn DeVries, junior, was the president. Joshua D. Smith, junior, was the vice president.

●"The best part about Art Club is getting together with your friends and playing the improvised challenges. My most memorable moment was when I had my face painted by Megan Axtell and Stephanie R. Wright and it stained my face," said Gabe Caggiano.



Sponsor Ms. Christy Stoermann paints a kitty cat face on a little girl at DeMotte Elementary School's Family Fun Night. Stoermann also had her own face painted with the design of a soccer ball.

Left: Senior Daniel Hudspeth paints his first child of many at DeMotte Elementary for Family Fun Night. The club members volunteered their time in half hour shifts.

Far Left: Freshman Colin DeYoung puts paint on his palette as he gets ready to paint some windows. He was painting a snowman at the entrance of the school.

**By: Stephanie R. Wright**



## Behind the Brushes

"I really enjoyed painting the faces of small children at Family Fun Night. Oh, the things they asked me to paint on their faces!"

Junior Joshua D. Smith



"The best part about Art Club is that you get to decorate the school for a lot of events. People get to see what you did. You also get to have a lot of fun with your friends while you do it. My most memorable moment with the club was decorating the school for Sunshine."

Sophomore Anna Stoermann

# Academic T

●There were three categories of Academic Teams. These consisted of Spell Bowl, Decathlon, and the Super Bowl.

●Mrs. Sandy Schenher was in charge of Spell Bowl. Mr. Mark Ladd and Mr. Robert Heid were in charge of Decathlon.

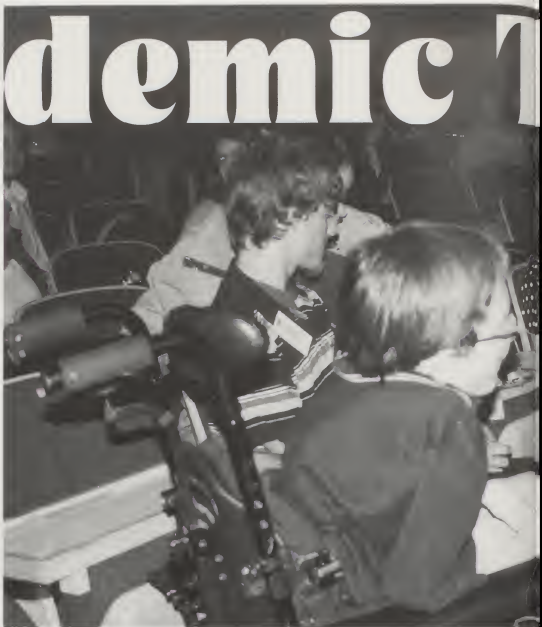
●Mrs. Kristy Slaby covered the Science and Interview part in the Decathlon. In this, the students competed as a group.

●Senior Craig Curtis placed second in Interviews, second in Math, and first in Econ, for a total rank of fourth place.

●Senior John Burton won third in Speech, and second in Math, for a total rank of eleventh place.

●Senior Daniel Hudspeth received first place in Interview, and second in Music, for a rank of ninth place.

●All together, the Academic Decathlon team placed third in Essay, third in Speech, fourth in Interview, third in Science, second in Math, third in Art, third in Music, third in Language Literature, second in Econ, and third in SQ, for a total rank of second place.



Super Bowl: Row 1: Craig Curtis, Joshua Smith, Daniel Hudspeth, John Burton Row 2: Leah Shanks, Drew Cisar, Nikki Barger, Alisa Fraticelli, Angel Zentz



Spell Bowl: Row 1: John Burton, Daniel Hudspeth, Alecia Penninga, Katie Powell Row 2: Alaina Maston, Ashley Newton, Leah Shanks, Rebecca Eenigenburg Row 3: Ashley Daniels, Morgan Myers, Miranda Steele



Decathlon: Row 1: Leah Shanks, Daniel Hudspeth, Joshua Smith, John Burton Row 2: Autumn Matson, Alaina Matson, Brian Knip, Drew Cisar Row 3: Alisa Fraticelli, Brent Scamihorn, Ashley Newton Row 4: Ashley Daniels, Nikki Barger, Todd Crego

# Teams



Awaiting the next question, senior John Burton, junior Drew Cisar, and senior Alisa Fraticelli put their knowledge of the Civil War to the test. Students were competing in the Regional Decathlon at KV.

Junior Rebecca Eenigenburg receives one of many ribbons in the Decathlon. The Decathlon team qualified for state.



Competing in the Super Bowl quiz, senior Daniel Hudspeth, junior Joshua Smith, and senior Craig Curtis read questions off the screen. Their answers were recorded on a sheet and given to the proctor for verification.

**By: Amber Scesney**

**JOHN BURTON**



## BEHIND THE TEAMS

"Academic Teams are my sport. When I win an award, I feel how any athlete would feel in the same situation, exhausted and ready for a break."

Senior John Burton

**CRAIG CURTIS**



"I have been in both Decathlon and Super Bowl. I have participated for three years in each. There have been a few awards here and there, but they aren't as much fun as the people I get to hang out with."

Senior Craig Curtis

# FFA.



FFA members Matt Misch, Corey Coulter, Jessica Witvoet, and Danielle Mullen tour the John Deere factory on their Junior-Senior Agriculture Field Trip. At the factory the four were able to see new farm equipment on its way along the production line as it was assembled.



Row 1: Matthew Misch, Jessica Witvoet, Danielle Mullen, Chester Magiera, Corey Coulter, Louise Magiera, Club Sponsor Mr. Steve Inman Row 2: Marissa Myers, Lauren Freeze, Rachel Dahn, Blake Scheurich, Derrick DeKock, Amanda Klemp, Emma Allen, Benjamin Ward Row 3: Alyssa Fagenbaum, Kelly Retzlaff, Carly Parks, Joseph Valois, Zackary Kerkes, Kay Starzynski, Robert Griffith, Austin Oosterhoff Row 4: Samantha Brown, Jorge Zaragoza, Jay Witvoet Jr., Alex Bailey, Shellie Haley, Katie Rauscher, Dorothy Weishaar, Dakota Maze



FFA members Marissa Myers, Lauren Freeze, Kay Starzynski, and Danielle Mullen present the awards they won at the April 15 Awards Banquet in the high school cafeteria. Awards included Star Chapter Farmer, Mental Attitude, Star Greenhand, and Outstanding Senior.



By: Greg Melfon



**Your jacket is Blue...**

**Your Future is Bright**

- FFA officers were President Matthew Misch, Vice President Corey Coulter, Secretary Haley Clark, Treasurer Marissa Myers, Reporter Louise Magiera, Sentinel Amanda Klemp, and Club Sponsor Steve Inman.
- Senior Danielle Mullen was crowned FFA Sweetheart.
- Honorary FFA Degree went to Marissa Meyers.
- Distinguished Service award was presented at the FFA Banquet to Louise Magiera.
- Star Greenhand went to freshman Kay Starzynski.
- Marissa Myers received the Star Chapter Farmer.
- Danielle Mullen also received the Outstanding Senior Award.
- Lauren Freeze was given The Mental Attitude award.
- FFA members won first place in the State Envirothon.
- FFA members sold fruit in the fall to raise money for their various projects.
- Members were auctioned off as farmhands to help raise money. Each member had to do eight work hours for their buyers.



Looking at the eggs in the incubator, junior Corey Coulter examines the developing eggs. An incubator helped the eggs by evenly distributing heat to all of the eggs.

Junior FFA members Corey Coulter and Matthew Misch peer down into the cow pens at Kent Product Development Center. FFA members got to see the cattle they raised as well as the process where feed grain was bagged before it was distributed to stores.



Junior Matthew Misch



Louise Magiera, sophomore, accepts an award from club sponsor Mr. Steve Inman. Louise won an award for Distinguished Service in the community.

Sophomore Louise Mageira

## BEHIND THE JACKETS

"It was a great honor to be president for one year and to lead my peers and younger agriculturally involved students."

# Support

- Mrs. Elaine Dykstra was Pathfinders' sponsor.
- The President of Pathfinders was junior Andrew Matson, and the Vice President was senior Jaime Moore.
- Pathfinders was the sponsor for "See You at Night" which took place on September 26. and Baccalaureate on June 4. They also sponsored the All Access Rally on January 9. There, people from around the world sang, did dances, and skits which taught teens a lesson about accepting people the way they are. A lot of people liked "Tido" from the play.
- The National Day of Prayer was held on April 30, and

prayer time was on May 1 during KAD.

- The person in charge of Pioneerz was Ms. Heather Lyons.

● In this club, students promoted a healthy lifestyle. They pledged to not make any decisions that could affect their future in a negative way.

● At the retreat on April 17, a speaker talked about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol. The speaker also discussed the positive qualities of a good leader and how teens could influence others positively. Members made a plan about how they could go into the community and use their knowledge to influence others not to do drugs or alcohol.

Pathfinders: Row 1: Ms. Elaine Dykstra, Elizabeth Minya, Ashley Newton, Jaime Moore, Andrew Matson, Amy Dykstra, Amanda Colbert, Carolyn Weaver, Danielle Fase Row 2: Aaron Griffin, Angel Zentz, Jonathan Buck, Jordan Miller, Megan Ganzveld, Kerri Persson, Jillian Losto, Alexandria Bailey, Callie Guriz, Jillian Kolb Row 3: Zachary Steffel, Dale Crawley, Joshua Denton, Corissa Lafrenz, Rebecca Szoestek, Candance Northcutt, Kourtney Frieden, Larissa Dragu, Tanya Lynch, Jessica Witvoet Row 4: Kelly Retzlaff, Ashley Ganzveld, Tina Eenigenburg, Diane Peterson, Jordan Hanley, Stephanie Kingma, Emma Allen, Rebecca Eenigenburg, Leah Shanks, Britta Longstreth Row 5: Brandi Baccino, Kelsey Osborn, Brandee Hudspeth, Pamela Zuchowski, Abbey McKee, Tyler Simmons, Seth Raebel, Jennavieve Kolb, Kristen Axtell, Eric Fulkerson Row 6: Tara Fieldhouse, Elise Jolink

Pioneerz:  
Megan Ganzveld, Brent Scamihorn, Amy Dykstra



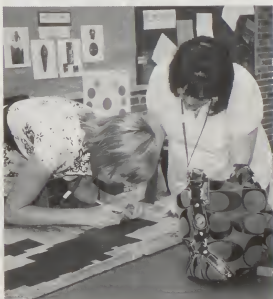
"The most important thing I learned in Pioneerz is that we must be leaders and stand up for what is right," said junior Megan Ganzveld.

**By: Amber Scesney**

## Pathfinders; Pioneerz. Helping people live, grow, and prosper in a hectic world...

Students watch the performances at the All Access Rally program. Many people enjoyed it and went to the second act later that night.

Mrs. Elaine Dykstra and junior Amy Dykstra discuss what they are going to do at the next Pioneerz meeting. They would discuss things before every meeting.



At the All Access Rally, the kid from Norway tries to explain what happened with the toilet overflowing. The Janitor tried to help all the kids with their problems. He gave them advice on what to do.

**Andrew Matson**



**Brent Scamihorn**



### BEHIND THE LOVE

"As President of Pathfinders, I have the responsibility to represent the image of a true Christian. I am there for people who are having trouble with their relationship with God, and I help them grow closer to him."

Junior Andrew Matson

"I joined Pioneerz because it gave me a chance to help the school. I like the fact that I can exchange ideas with students from other schools."

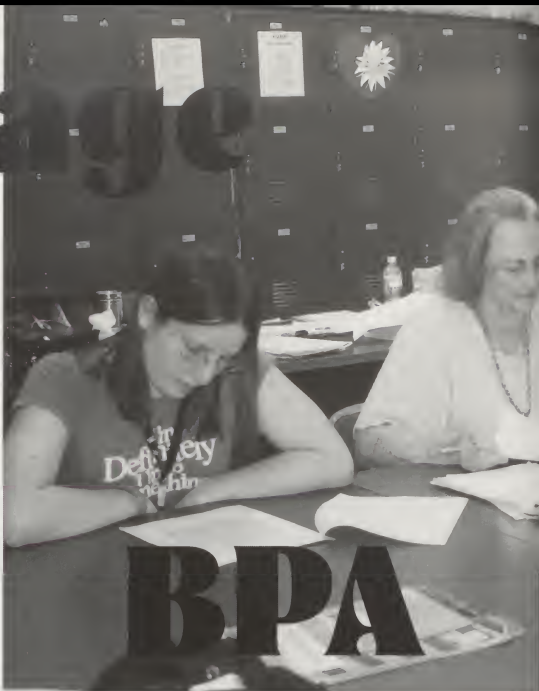
Senior Brent Scamihorn

# Mirage



Anthony Johnson, senior, works in Mrs. Zacher's class on Santa-Gramps. Johnson was one of the most involved in Business Professionals of America.

Freshman Kelsey Bugg, Mrs. Sarah Miller, and freshman Savanna Sweet work to put together the Mirage book in order to be published. "The best part of Mirage is seeing everybody's writings," said Bugg.



Mirage: Row 1: Mrs. Sarah Miller, Bristol Allen, Rachel Uldriks, Kelsey Bugg, Taylor Eck Row 2: Leah Shanks, Katy Snowden, Amanda Isajewicz, Savanna Sweet Row 3: Britta Longstreth, Morgan Myers, Brianna Patton, Amy Krupa, Stephanie R. Wright

BPA: Row 1: Alex Jerzyk, John Rawlings, Lauren Cooley, Jessica Coffey, Thomas Anthony Terrell Row 2: Teri Harrington, Steven Arlandson, Anthony Johnson, and Brent Kikkert Row 3: Ryan Boezeman, Clayton Prairie, Joseph Campbell



Book Club: Row 1: Mercedes Nielsen, Savanna Sweet, Taylor Eck, Kaylee Jenkins, Mr. McAtee Row 2: Felicia Fahey, Leah Shanks, Korin Giglio, Christina Matson, Britta Longstreth Row 3: Joshua Denton, Samantha Maretich, Morgan Myers, Nicole Birky, Daniel Hudspeth





## Clubs Showcase Individual Talents

●Club sponsor for Book Club was Kat Kristoff from DeMotte Public Library.

●Books read by Book Club included: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon, Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom, A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines, Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin, Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Chris Crutcher, and My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult.

●They also discussed books that they liked and had been reading on their own.

●Club sponsor for Mirage was Mrs. Sarah Miller. Mirage was a club that was open to the whole student body. They put out a book that was made of student produced stories, poems, photographs, etc.

●Mrs. Diane Zacher was the club sponsor for Business Professionals of America.

●During the winter holidays BPA made and sent Santa-Grams. Members went to competitions with different levels of organization. The levels were accounting, computer skills, powerpoint, speeches, and co-curricular organization.

# Book

## Behind the Clubs

"The best part about BPA is the people in it and what we learn. I joined because Mrs. Zacher encouraged me to do something different and experience new things.

Senior Thomas Anthony Terrell

"The best part of Book Club was hanging out with friends. I joined because I love to read. My favorite book that I read with the club was Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom.

Freshman Ashley Stately

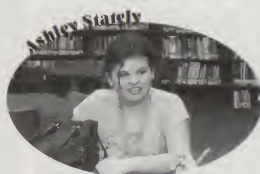
**By Stephanie R. Wright**



Joshua Denton, junior, and freshmen Yessenia Castillo and Ashley Stately discuss the latest book that they read with their sponsor Kat Kristoff. "The best part of Book Club is being with others that love to read," said Denton.

Far left: Sophomore Todd Crego listens in on the book discussion in the library. "I enjoyed discussing what we liked to read and why," said Crego.

Left: Freshman Amanda Isajewicz and Kelsey Bugg compile their work at a club meeting. "As a writer and artist myself, Mirage allowed me to see others work and compare it to mine," said Isajewicz.



# NHS



"Although it can be stressful sometimes, it's fun being the President of NHS, whether it's leading volunteer projects or participating in the courtyard cleanup, it's worthwhile," commented senior Micah Raebel.

Lighting of the traditional candles is a symbol of induction for new members. Sophomores Terah Slawnikowski, Anthony Shevock, Dustin Schultz, and Alexa Schiavone reflect various emotions as they hold their lit candles throughout the ceremony.



Gathered in the auditorium for NHS Induction on March 13, current members, friends, and family all watch as the candles are lit for character, leadership, service, and scholarship.

Row 1: John Burton, Holly Salerno, Candace Leegwater, Jessica Hamstra, Ryan Kilkert, Jillian Kolb, Callie Guritz, Jonathan Torbitt, Micah Raebel. Row 2: Jeffrey Laski, Tara Fieldhouse, Holly Kampenga, Felicia Fahey, Morgan Myers, Jordan Kolb, Hannah Sparks, Brent Scanhorn. Row 3: Sarah Brown, Whitney Gladis, Jennifer Perov, Drew Cisar, Joseph Campbell, Craig Curtis, Brianna Patton, Jamie Moore. Row 4: Rebecca Eenigenburg, Leah Shanks, Stephanie Kingma, Matthew Misch, Joshua Smith, Greg Boer, Mrs. Kristi Slatby, Donald Capouch





## Hard work...

### Dedication...

## National Honor Society.

● Induction Ceremony was held on March 13. After the ceremony, inductees proceeded to the cafeteria for refreshments.

● Officers included: President-Micah Raebel, VicePresident-Jonathan Torbitt, Secretary-Sarah Brown, Treasurer-Brianna Patton.

● A field trip was held on April 26. Members of the society were able to attend a trip to the Art Institute in Chicago. Art Club was also able to attend the field trip with them.

● Points were required for each member in the society. Members earned these points from participating in volunteer work. First year members were required to earn five points. Juniors and senior members were required to earn ten points total.

● Courtyard Cleanup was held on May 3.

● Tutoring was available to students during their SRT on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Members of the service were encouraged to help students in order to earn their points, also.

● Each member was able to go to the public library and read books to younger children.

● Golden cows were distributed at Awards Night on June 6 for all Honor Society Seniors. Cows were worn with other medallions on Graduation.

● Sponsor was Mrs. Kristi Slaby.



Deeply engrossed in the ceremony, sophomores Alexa Schiavone and Micah Schaefer wait to be dismissed from the auditorium after being sworn into NHS.

Sophomores Marissa Myers and Blake Marlatt stand in an organized line as they're inducted into the National Honor Society. "I felt very privileged to be involved. It made me feel that it's worth it to work hard on my grades," said Myers.

By: Britta Lengstreh

AMY KRUPA



## BEHIND GREAT MINDS

"I was honored to be one of the 20 some kids inducted into the service. To be awarded for being smart and a cool person is amazing! It seems funny now, but it could be misconstrued in the future."

Sophomore Amy Krupa

HALEY CLARK



"I really enjoyed having the opportunity to help the community."

Sophomore Haley Clark

# Choir

●Seniors Micah Raebel, Nathan Leath, Eric Alvarado, and junior Stephanie Kingma were members of the All State Choir. They had to miss school on January 18 to go to Indy to rehearse and perform at the Indiana Music Educators Convention.

●All the participants in choir received a gold medal at the state contest.

●Jonathan Torbitt, Nathan Leath, Eric Alvarado, Stephanie Kingma, and Ashley Daniels were given a gold for their solos.

●Jazz Choir also received a gold in their contest.

●Choir also won their contest in the St. Louis Music Showcase Festival.

●Choir director was Mr. William Darnell, who retired at the end of the '08 school year. "I have enjoyed my years here. I have had some great students and some really fine choirs."

●The assistant for choir was Mrs. Debbie Price.

## Treble Choir:

Row 1: Lisa Lane, Ashley Rector, Yessenia Castillo, Erica Anderson, Jennavieve Kolb, Jessica Taulbee, Larissa Dragu Row 2: Katheryn Snowden, Lindsey Brown, Stephanie Onellana, Gretchen McLoughlin, Sasha Spencer, Victoria Sholey, Aliza Daniels Row 3: Brittany Cook, Kelsey Bugg, Elizabeth Mirya, Katelynn Thys, Tina Kyle, Ashley Gudorf Row 4: Amanda Isajewicz, Pamela Billingsly, Corissa Latrez, Kelly Retzlaff, Megan Smith, Corie Barcus. Row 5: Mr. William Darnell, Mrs. Debbie Price



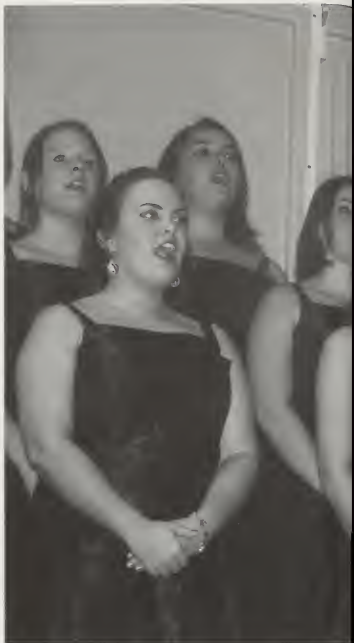
## Choralaiers:

Row 1: Stephanie Cambe, Sarah Rudelius, Chelsea Belt, Cheyenne Storkey, Kelly Brown, Cayla Hensel Row 2: Alyssa Aquillon, Bobbi Winters, Jamie Rios, Diane Peterson, Meghan Stalbaum, Louise Magiera, Trisha Whitaker Row 3: Mrs. Debbie Price, Danielle Sell, Ashley Daniels, Jasmine Glab, Sarah Jiron, Kim Marelich, Mr. William Darnell



## Concert Choir:

Row 1: Page Walczak, Jessica Wivoe, Jillian Kolb, Nathan Leath, Jonathan Torbitt, Micah Raebel, Kara Veal, Taylor Scott, Mrs. Debbie Price Row 2: Eric Alvarado, Brittany Smerek, Connor Januschek, Lindsay Sidera, Andrew Matson, Justin Moore, Alisa Fracell, Miranda Steele Row 3: Carolyn Weaver, Kern Peterson, Samantha Farias, Trisha Stevenson, Paige Hardin, Joshua Denton, Marissa Tillman, Danielle Page, Mr. William Darnell Row 4: Daniel Drexel, Benji Scrambler, Adriana Garza, Alexia Murray, Laura Myers, Stephanie Kingma, Rebecca Emmerburg, Thomas Ramsey







Concert Choir sang *Holiday Season*, *White Christmas*, *Hallelujah Chorus*, *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, and *We Wish You a Merry Madrigal*. "It's always fun getting the people in the audience to join in. Everybody loves Christmas," said senior Jonathan Torbitt.

Kerri Persson, Junior, is singing *Sisters* from the movie *White Christmas* by Irving Berlin. "Singing is part of who I am. It helps me express myself in ways that I never could before," said Persson.



Mens Choir: Row 1: Cody Lee, Justin Bassett, Cody Hitchcock, Mr. William Darnell Row 2: Mrs. Debbie Price, Kyle Dehning, Tyler Roe, Justin Uzzle

Senior Corinne Janavich sings *Home for the Holidays*. This was her sixth year in choir, which included middle school music classes.

**By: Amber Scesney**



## BEHIND THE MICROPHONE

"My most memorable moment in choir was our first concert. Everybody was nervous, then Teddy Ramsey got everybody excited and ready for the concert by just clowning around."

Sophomore James Cody Hitchcock



"My favorite song to sing was *Here with my Heart* because it reminded me of everyone in my life. My family, friends, and especially my boyfriend, Nick. They will always be a part of me and in my heart."

Sophomore Victoria Sheley





# Teens reach out to help one another

●Ms. Karan Howard was the sponsor of Students Against Dangerous Decisions.

●SADD held a very successful blood drive in the high school. Teachers and students 18 years and older could donate to the American Heart Association. The blood drive was so successful, nurses had to stop accepting donors because their coolers were full.

●SADD also held a fake car crash scene on May 8 to promote safe driving during Prom weekend.

●Mr. Chris Schaefer was the sponsor of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

●FCA Sponsored See You At the Pole, where students gathered around the flag pole for prayer and worship.

●They also held Fields of Faith, which included people of all ages in the high school gym sharing their faith and different testimonies.



Senior Brittney Smiejek focuses her attention on the emotional reenactment of an accident caused by a drunk driver. The reenactment was sponsored by SADD and used to deter drinking and driving at Prom.

Serving snacks, sophomore Samantha Trainor offers a brownie to junior Cheyenne Starkey after she gave blood. Snacks, which were provided by students, were needed to replenish the donor's energy level.

by Brandi Faccine

TERAH SLAWNIKOWSKI



## BEHIND THE TEENS

"I loved Fields of Faith. It is an amazing thing to see so many people gather in one place for God. The best part was that a few people were brought to Jesus! It was so inspiring."

Sophomore Terah Slawnikowski

MEGHAN STAUBAUM



"Fields of Faith was an awesome experience. I liked sharing my testimony with my friends and classmates."

Sophomore Meghan Staubaum

# Service



Ms. Sara Patterson

"We had a small but mighty group. They are all good workers and nice kids to be around," commented Environmental Club sponsor Ms. Sara Patterson.

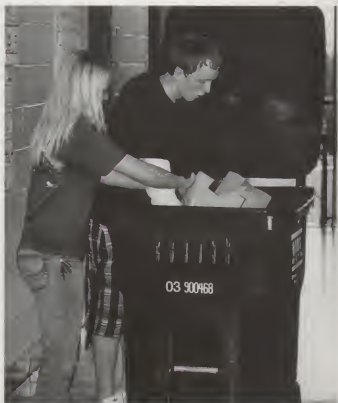
Holding hands as they skate, Freshmen Mathew Mulloy and Lyndsey Brown make another lap around the rink. Afterwards the group left and enjoyed pizza and sugary pop at Aurelio's.



Row 1: Nicole Henning, Danielle Mullen, Jacquelyn DeVries, Alyssa Ruthkay, Sydni Troy, Alexandria Poole, Kaytlin Musch, Taylor Eck Row 2: Cody James, Stephanie Wright, Joshua D. Smith, Junior Kelsey Tillena, Marissa Myers, Lindsey Brown Row 3: James Sholey, Stormy R. Wireman, Jacqueline Hernandez, Malory DeFries, Ashley Rector, Randie Sanchez, Louise Magiera Row 4: Amy Conley, Sarah Estrada, Rebecca Sooztek, Savanah Mick



Moving logs into a pile to be burned are freshmen Katie Rauscher, Denetta Jests, Sarah Chadwick, and Ashlee Reed. Students were cleaning up a field and putting logs into a pile to burn, which encouraged new plant growth.





# Clean Start For a Clean Environment

- Environmental Club did more than clean the community, they gained an understanding of their surroundings.
- Students taking Ms. Sara Patterson's classes volunteered their Saturdays with the club to get extra credit.
- "My little sister wanted me to support the environment and have fun with her. That's why I went to the skating event," said junior Kelly Brown.
- Some club members would never forget Ms. Sara Patterson proving she is a true environmentalist by picking up a soggy cardboard box covered in ants. She did not drop it even when the ants began to crawl up her arm.
- President of the club was Ashley Rector and Vice President was Randie Sanchez. Ashley said, "Environmental Club is important because it helps us to keep a clean and safe environment while having fun with friends, and still knowing you're making a difference not only in our community, but in the world-one small step at a time."
- After attending the Adopt-A-Highway, Freshman Kristen Axtell mentioned, "Picking up the trash outside the school was for extra credit, and it was a fun, enjoyable, and personally rewarding experience."



Carrying logs to put on the pile is Junior Adam Mandeville, helping to clear out a field. Students could also earn extra science credit for their efforts.

Senior Anthony Johnson and Amanda Owens are collecting the recycling. They were volunteering during their S.R.T to empty the bins from the classes.

By: Grace Gidley

**Randie Sanchez**



## BEHIND THE CLEAN TEAM

"Environmental Club is a way for a group of people, who care about the environment, to help take care of it. It's a way to keep busy, while enjoying what I love."

Sophomore Randie Sanchez

**Dayna Boswell**



"I was filled with pride and accomplishment because there were so few people out helping, and we did so much along a pretty long stretch of highway."

Freshman Dayna Boswell

# Rockin' the Night Away

*I wanna Rock N' Roll all night!*

*And party everyday!*

★ Ready to rock the night away were about 400 girls and guys dressed to impress in beautiful gowns and tuxedos.

★ The dance was held at the Valparaiso Expo Center on May 10. Decked out with a stage for the Prom court, the room had beautiful lights surrounding the dance floor. The tables had old records, guitar picks, and drum sticks that had "Rockin' the Night Away, KVHS Prom 2008" printed on them.

★ As students entered the Rockin' Prom they waited by the Rolling Stones big tongue logo.

★ Starting the night with a whole new twist on dinner were hamburgers, chicken strips, baked potatoes, and salad. Students lined up buffet style, instead of being served at the table.

★ Prom court consisted of seniors Stormy Wireman, Brittany Smejek, Julie Dykstra, Jillian Conley, David Myers, Alex Byers, Jonathan Torbiitt, and David Wals-tra. Prince and Princess court included juniors Michael Hoffman, Gabriel Caggiano, Brittany Heerema, and Ashley VanKley.

★ Prom Queen was Stormy Wireman, King was David Myers, Prom Princess was Brittany Heerema, and Prince was Michael Hoffman.



Dancing together are junior Gabriel Caggiano and sophomores Samuel Capouch and Dustin Schultz. "My favorite part of the dance was when my friends and I were dancing to 'Thriller,'" said junior Gabriel Caggiano.

*By: Alexa Murray & Laura Myers*



Anxiously waiting to hear who won Prom Queen are seniors Brittany Smejek, Jillian Conley, Julie Dykstra, and Stormy Wireman. Sophomore Samuel Parker announced the winners.

Showing her excitement while dancing, junior Kourtney Frieden throws her hands in the air. Songs favored by the students included, "The Electric Slide," "Thriller," and "Footloose."





"Winning Prom Queen was so exciting!" said senior Stormy Wireman. Wireman received a crown and a bouquet of roses.

Out on the dance floor, seniors Adriana Garza, Nicholas Kearney and junior Lauren Hamstra dance to the song "Thriller." "Thriller" was requested by the students.

Sophomores Jessica Colfer, Sommer Grace, and Samantha Trainor dance to the beat of the music. Students danced the night away to create memories to last a life time.



As they wait to hear the winner of Prom King, seniors David Myers, Jonathan Torbitt, David Walstra, and Alex Byers stand on stage. "It was awesome to win Prom King. I'm glad my class chose me! I like going out with a bang!" said senior David Myers.

Slow dancing with their guests, seniors Paulo Martins, Rick Meyers, and William Recker look into the eyes of their dates. The DJ played two slow songs back-to-back to keep the romantic mood going throughout the night.

# Rockin' Post Prom

*A backstage pass to fun, games & prizes!*

★ Ready for a night of fun and games, about two hundred and thirty students piled into Inman's in Valparaiso at midnight and partied till three a.m.

★ The night included free food, drinks, go-cart rides, billiards, bowling, karaoke, and miniature golf. Tickets sold for \$20 each.

★ There was also a caricature artist, who was there all night drawing couples and friends for free.

★ "Post Prom was a lot of fun. I enjoyed all the free stuff and the free pizza.

za. Most of all, I'm happy that I won the IPOD Touch," said junior Samuel Bass.

★ At the end of the night prizes and gifts were given out to everyone who attended post prom. Gifts included a black Rockin' post prom T-shirt, and a rock n' roll mix CD.

★ Prizes included an IPOD Touch, IPOD nano, a \$100 gas card, \$100 Best Buy card, 17" TV, and more.

★ "Post Prom was super fun. We had an awesome time bowling and riding the go-carts," said senior Delia Arizmendi.



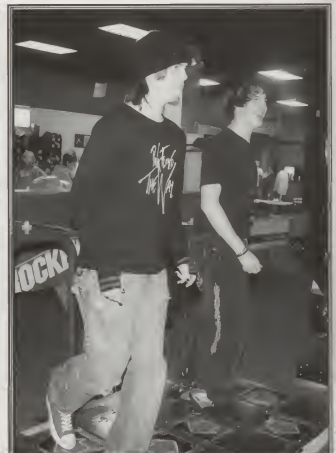
Singing karaoke, junior Prom prince Michael Hoffman belts out the lyrics to the song. Students who participated in karaoke got a free Dairy Queen coupon.

*By: Alexa Murray  
& Laura Myers*



While playing against her friends, sophomore Jessica VanVuren leans over the pool table and aims for the cue ball. "My favorite part of Post Prom was probably singing to get free Subway," said sophomore Jessica VanVuren.

Competing against each other in a game of "Dance Dance Revolution", seniors Justin Klassen and Adam Betancourt stomp to the beat. Like most Post Prom goers, they enjoyed a night of free food and drinks.







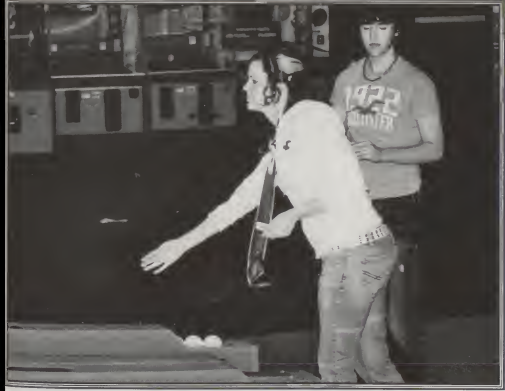
Corinne Janavich & Julie Dykstra



"My most memorable moment would be singing karaoke with Julie, Shayla, and Jessica. We had a blast!" said senior Corinne Janavich.

After playing a game, seniors Andrew Tillema and Candy Miller-Wood count up the tickets they won. Students could turn in their tickets for prizes.

Racing around the track, senior Krystal Higgerson laughs and enjoys her time racing against fellow Prom goers. Students could ride the go-carts as many times as they wanted



After jumping on senior Katherine Mestrovich's back, senior Nicholas Kearney and Mestrovich made their way down to the alley and bowled together. The couple bowled a spare.

Seniors Tara Jones and Josiah Schaefer enjoy winning tickets and playing the free games together. Their game of choice was Skee Ball.

# YEARBOOK



"Being head editor is stressful and crazy and makes you want to rip your hair out when people are all asking questions at once, but I love the stress. I love the creativity and knowing that people are going to look at these pages all their lives, and I was one of the people who choreographed it all," said senior Co-Editor Morgan Myers.

On Valentines Day the yearbook staff wrapped bundles of carnations before heading out and passing them out to their fellow classmates. The staff sold over 450 carnations to raise money for the book.

Laura Myers, Alexa Murray, Detra Wood, Brittany Colfer, Derek Mann, Felicia Fahey, Samantha Hoak, Gregory Melton, Morgan Myers, Stephanie Wright, Trisha Poisel, Shannon Morrison, Elizabeth Minya, Mercedes Nielsen, Britta Longstreth, Kassy Platt, Amber Scesney, Miranda Steele

Enjoying their last few days before Christmas break, the staff exchanges gifts and blows bubbles that they got in their gift bags. The staff had a Christmas party and enjoyed a game of Secret Santa.



By: Alexa Murray



## Exposing memories.

- Head co-editors were seniors Morgan Myers and Samantha Hoak.
- Section editors included seniors Mercedes Nielsen for ads, Detra Wood for sports, Samantha Hoak for senior section, Alexa Murray for activities, and juniors Britta Longstreth for clubs, Trisha Poisel for academics, and Gregory Melton for people section.
- To raise the almost \$30,000 needed for the book, the staff held fund raisers that included: book sales, an ad sale day, pizza sales, carnation sales for Valentines Day, and candy sales after school.
- The theme *Exposed* that the book was designed around was thought up by the head editors.
- It's not all fun and games for the yearbook staff. Every member had a certain section and spreads for which they were responsible. Their job was to attend games or events, get information, take pictures, write copy, and get quotes.
- Advisor for the Yearbook was English teacher Mrs. Kathy McKinney.
- "My first year in yearbook was exciting! Learning new things, meeting fabulous people and having the best teacher made it exciting," said senior Brittany Mann.



Sitting in the back room with her fellow classmates, senior Laura Myers takes time to write out her copy before typing it on her spread. Every staff member had about six spreads to finish before the end of the year.

Enjoying their down time, seniors Brittany Colfer and Detra Wood goof off before returning to the stress of their spreads. After every deadline the staff usually had a day to relax and have a party.



**Shannon Morrison**



**Elizabeth Minya**

## BEHIND THE PHOTOS

"Being part of the yearbook staff was a great experience. I learned things I never knew I could, and met a lot of amazing new friends!"

Freshman Shannon Morrison.

"Yearbook has been an amazing experience. It helped me build school spirit, and I'm so glad I helped make a book that holds so many memories."

Freshman Elizabeth Minya.

# Newspaper

Sophomore Brittany White



Brittany White, sophomore, sits at her table revising and making corrections to her feature story. "I enjoyed the atmosphere of the class and the writing I got to do. The biggest challenge was learning the responsibility of deadlines," said Brittany.

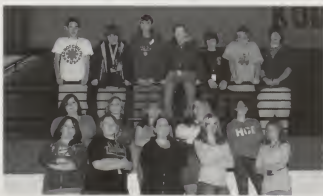
Sophomores Natalie Spaniol, Tewsdaay Babicka, and Katie Valcich lead the class in discussion with members of the team from YWAM. "What I enjoyed most about newspaper was the collaborations with everyone in the class and hearing their opinions," said Tewsdaay.



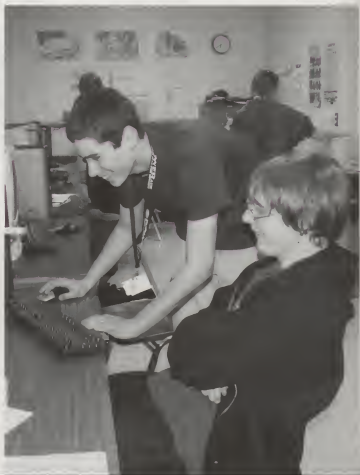
Nicholas Valcich, junior, and Katie Valcich, sophomore, work together to correct Katie's story for an upcoming deadline. "I enjoyed being with my friends the most. My biggest challenge was making the deadlines. It was difficult because of my busy schedule," explained Katie.



Row 1: Stephanie Wright, Amanda Isajewicz, Kirsten Tompkins, Lauren Gant, Sarah Chadwick  
Row 2: Jade Glab, Morgan Myers, Megan Kralik, Samantha Marelich, Brittany White  
Row 3: Ian Klicek, Nathan Dugan, Zachary Barker, Jennifer Denton, John Paul, Dale Crawley, Donald DeYoung



**By: Stephanie R. Wright**





## Ready... Get set... Write.

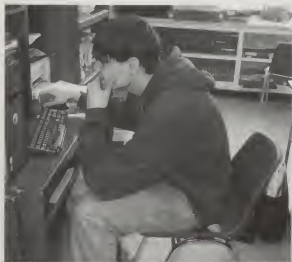
● Throughout the year, newspaper had two editors, Jennifer Denton, junior, and Samantha Maretich, senior. The staff's Cartoonist was Rachel Uildricks, senior. Opinion Editor was Nathan Dugan, sophomore. Director of Advertisement was Stephanie Wright, junior.

● Seven issues were published.

● Additions to the class over the year were seniors Jasmine Glab and Giada Nicolai, junior Nicholas Valcich, and sophomores Tewsdaay Babicka, Natalie Spaniol and Katie Valcich.

● To fund the cost of publication, the class went to nearby businesses selling advertisements. Prior to the Christmas issue going to press, the publications class sold 'Christmas Wishes' for 50 cents. Another way to raise funds for the class was to sell at least five Little Ceasar Pizza Kits. Any kit after the expected five sold \$5.00 went to either the student going to camp or to reduce the cost of the student's yearbook.

● Newspapers were sold for 25 cents each. The papers were sold during lunch.



Senior Zachary Barker sits down to look up background information about his sports story. Barker had his own sports column that he wrote for a majority of the issues.

Ian Klicek, freshman, and Dale Crawley, senior, work together to correct Dale's story. "The best part about being in newspaper was the accomplishment of having a story published," said Ian.



-Giada Nicolai, 12



-Samantha Maretich, 12

### Behind the Scenes

"What I really liked about newspaper was exchanging opinions with the class. The best part was to be able to write and to put my opinion in on school issues. My biggest challenge was to interview people because I'm a little shy."

"I enjoyed getting opinions and news out to people. The best part was making new friends and getting me out of my 'box'. The biggest challenge was getting everything done to a standard for press."

# I'M GETTING MURDERED IN



"I liked my role in the fall play because I got to improv the whole time. I loved interacting with the audience. The show was always different," commented senior David Myers who played the DJ.



Row 1: Wedding guests: Kara Veal, Andrew Matson. Various stranger: Meghan Stalbaum, Wedding guests: Kristen Axtel, Alex Poole, Jessica Skrobol, James Guerrero, Nathan Leath. Row 2: Servers: Samantha Hoak, Samuel Parker, Mary Burger played by Taylor Scott, Parker played by Eric Alvarado, Shelia played by Felicia Fahey, Benny Tutwalder played by Anthony Shevock, Groom: Thomas Ramsey, Bride: Ashley Collins, Bunny Kelly played by Carolyn Weaver, Mildred Montague played by Sara Little, Harold Montague played by Steven Arlanson, Mr. Throckmorton played by Todd Crego, DJ played by David Myers, Servers played by Shawn McDaniel and Allison Stanton.



Bride Brenda Anne Marie played by junior Ashlie Collins stares in utter shock and horror at the scene before her. She could not believe that everyone had already eaten at her own wedding reception without her in the fall dramatic production.

# THE MORNING



...the performance begins, senior Tamar Scott and senior Kara Vent play the roles of the bride and groom. Both enjoyed being able to make a few jokes during the wedding. "I'm glad to be a part of the wedding," said senior Kara Vent.



While interviewing Sheila (senior Felicia Fahey), Reporter Mary Burger (senior Tamar Scott) digs deep into the story of why there was a mysterious murder. "The best part of any play is always the performances because we have all worked so hard and developed the story together to the point where having an audience is a relief. That and trying to control yourself when you're in character while pranks are being played all around you," commented Senior Felicia Fahey.

## At a wedding, Improv became a smoking gun...Literally

● On Stage Performances were held on October 12, 13, 19, and 20.

● Cast consisted of the Bride: Brenda Anne Marie played by Ashlie Collins, Groom: Eddie Crok played by Thomas Ramsey, Harold Montague played by Steven Arlandson, Mildred Montague played by Sara Little, Sheila played by Felicia Fahey, Benny Tutwalder played by Anthony Shevock, Bunny Kelly played by Carolyn Weaver, Mary Burger played by Tamar Scott, Detective Parker played by Eric Alvarado, Mr. Throckmorton played by Todd Crego, and the DJ, played by David Myers.

● This was the first ever performance of a murder mystery production. The audience was able to participate freely in the shows by asking questions about the murder and how every one was connected to Mr. Throckmorton while the cast acted out their scenes.

● It was a wedding reception that included a bride and groom. It was all about their wedding but then an unexpected murder took them to greater levels of curiosity. The Shows ended each night with someone new as the villain.

● Directors were Jill Steiner and Hallie Chicki.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

"Playing the groom was very exciting, especially since this was my first theatrical performance. It was an honor to perform with such experienced actors. I will always be able to look back and remember that the "best performance is a fun-performance."

Senior Thomas Ramsey



"My favorite moment in the fall play about my part was that I had the opportunity to act as a dumb hick. I enjoyed it very much.

Sophomore Anthony Shevock

by: Erica Lundstrom

# MR. KV



Juniors Ashley Hudspeth and Zachary Waters serve as the hosts for the pageant. These two announced the categories and led the question and answer segment of the competition.

In the opening number, Mr. KV candidates Jonathan Torbitt and David Myers, both seniors, freshman Kyle Dehning, and senior Thomas Ramsey belt out the words to Bohemian Rhapsody.



Decked out in his formal wear, senior Jonathan Torbitt cracked up the crowd while riding his tricycle up and down the runway. Jonathan performed a melody for the talent competition. He also wowed the crowd with a joke as part of his stand up comedy routine.





## SIX COMPETITORS ALL REACHING FOR THE SAME GOAL...

# MR. KV

- This pageant was held on February 22.
- The competitors: seniors- Jonathan Torbitt, Thomas Ramsey, Micah Raebel, and David Myers; sophomore Anthony Shevock; and freshman Kyle Dehning.
- Hosts of the competition were juniors Zachary Waters and Ashley Hudspeth.
- The judges were: Guidance Counselor Mrs. Richie, Spanish teacher Miss Lyons, KV graduate Cole Patrick, senior Brianna Patton, and junior Kyle Whited.
- The event was divided into four categories: casual wear, talent, formal wear, and a question and answer session.
- Jonathan Torbitt, senior, was crowned as Mr. KV. He received the crown along with a \$200 cash prize.
- Micah Raebel, senior, was ordained as Mr. Congeniality. David Myers, senior, was declared as Mr. Popularity.
- The Mr. KV pageant was presented and hosted by Student Council.



Freshman Kyle Dehning plays AC/DC on his guitar. "Mr. KV was really fun. It gave me a chance to embarrass my family in front of a huge crowd," said Dehning.

After sporting spandex for his casual wear, senior Thomas Ramsey sported an orange suit and a lime green tie for the formal wear segment of the competition. Ramsey was recognized for selling the most American Heart Association poster hearts.



Senior David Myers



Senior Micah Raebel

## BEHIND THE BOYS

"Well, it's simple. I love my friends and family. Without them, I couldn't be the person I am today. They came to Mr. KV to cheer me on and to support me."

"I was definitely nervous about Mr. KV! I think the interview was the hardest part just because I wasn't sure how to answer the questions. But after winning Mr. Congeniality, being involved with Mr. KV was all worth it!"

By: Frandi Luciani &  
Stephanie Wright

# Sunshine



Sophomore couple Angela Boezeman and Richard McKernan enjoy the themed evening on the dance floor. The best part of Sunshine was being with my friends and taking lots of pictures. It was really fun and the music was great," said Boezeman.

Joey Gilbert and Elizebeth Minya, freshmen, dance the night away. This couple rocked out on the dance floor for the majority of the event.

# Northern



Row 1: Diane Peterson, Heather Wireman  
Row 2: Danielle Drennan, Victoria Sholey,  
Lauren Cooley, Jessica Colfer, Alexa Sha-  
vonne, Tessa Wisdom, Sydni Troy, Kelsey  
Bugg, Brittany Cook Row 3: Angela Boeze-  
man, Kelsey Osborn, Brandi Baccino, Til-  
fany Hinsley, Courtney Reese, Meghan Stal-  
baum, Brittany White, Terah Slawikowski,  
Chelsea Geesa Row 4: Elora Blasie, Dorothy  
Weishaar, Natalie Spaniol, Faith Vires, Angel  
Zentz, Kara Veal, Shanelle McKinney, Carl  
Onley, Abbey McKee Row 5: Allison Goetz,  
Erica Patton, Milica Jankovic, Hillary Holl-  
man, Margaret Sytnia, Allison Myers, Kris-  
tin Pitts, Brianna Jungels, Rachel Elverson  
Row 6: Kelly Dykstra, Jessica Taulbee,  
Brittney Sokol, Abigail Wilder, Jennavieve  
Kolb, Lauren Shea, Kayla Fieldhouse, Tiffa-  
ny Conley, Natalie Henning, Hannah Crane  
Row 7: Lindsey Brown, Stephanie Tokarz,  
Kelly Rerzlat, Catherine March, Katelyn  
Berdine, Kay Sturzynski, Jordan Morse,  
Courtney Colfer, Anna Hufnagel, Robin Starr  
Row 8: Brittney Newbury, Brianna Pope,  
Ashley Stately, Jordan Miller, Jessica Cilek,  
Karrington Shultz, Kristen Astell, Kaylin  
Musach, Alexandra Poole



Row 1: Brianna Patton, Tanya Lynch, Taylor  
Scott Row 2: Emily Peregrine, Whitney Glad-  
dis, Trisha Poisel, Kourtney Frieden, Amy  
Dykstra Row 3: Keri Persson, Jaime Quil-  
len, Danielle Donaldson, Samantha Vargas,  
Stephanie Cambe Row 4: Joshua Denton, Ni-  
cole Birky, Leah Shanks, Jessica Knoblock,  
Jennifer Lawson, Britta Longstreth



Gorgeous girls dressed to the 'T,  
 their handsome escorts,  
 weeks of planning,  
 and one snow storm that  
 threatened to ruin it all...



●Theme for the dance was "Northern Lights." To capture such a theme, the decorations consisted of pine trees at the entrances, icicle lighting on the ceiling, pink and purple sheer fabric to tint the lighting, and a balloon archway as teens entered the dance floor.

●This event was to be held on December 15 but the weather didn't agree. A dangerous snow storm pushed back the date of the dance until January 26.

●For the club's fundraiser, members sold cheese and sausage, wrapping paper, etc. from Century Resources Company.

●Sunshine also adopted a needy family over the Christmas holiday and provided them with Christmas presents.

●The club also made a donation to the Riley Children's Hospital.

●There were approximately 250 teens who attended the dance.



Stephanie Tokarz, freshman, and Kristopher Proud, senior, dance throughout the evening. With 250 teens in attendance, the cafeteria was quite crowded.

Freshman friends Brittney Sokol and Karrington Schults make use of the dance floor. "The best part of Sunshine was the projector because it showed clips of everybody dancing," said Sokol.



## Behind the Curls

"My date was the phenomenal Eric Alvarado, and that was pretty much the best part. We had a ton of fun dancing, singing and chilling with our friends. It pretty much ruled."

Sophomore Kara Veal

"Sunshine was a blast! Everyone was dressed up and looked spectacular. I had a good time dancing and hanging out with my friends."

Freshman BreAnne Chevrete

By: Stephanie Wright

# Field

Mrs. Kathy Eckert, Mike Brown, Mrs. Melodi Belei



English teachers Mrs. Kathy Eckert and Mrs. Melodi Belei supervise one of the inflatable moon bounces while posing for a picture with Mike Brown.

Freshman Shannon Morrison and senior Katherine Mes-trovich have a good time while bouncing around in one of the two inflatable moon bounces. These two were posing 'High School Musical' style.



Swarming around the Monster Energy Drink delivery truck, students from every grade wait to get their share of pure heaven in a can. The delivery truck was backed into the courtyard located between the middle school cafeteria doors and the middle school gymnasium.



Seniors Patrick Cruickshank, David Mills, and sophomore Justin Shepard rocked out in the middle school cafeteria. These were three of the four members of "Tomorrow Ends Today", a garage band from Jasper County.





**Best way to end a  
year full of friend-  
ships, hard work,  
and memories that'll  
last forever...**

## **...Field Day.**

- Field day was held on the last day of the school year on Friday, May 30.
- Just prior to release, Principal Apple came over the PA and told the student body that due to the severe storms and tornado watch that the event would be held in the Middle School gymnasium and cafeteria instead of the track.
- "Tomorrow Ends Today" performed in the steamy and over crowded cafeteria.
- Student Council and Monster Energy Drink hosted this event. An entire pick-up truck load of Monster was consumed. The company also handed out hats labeled with the Monster logo.
- In the hot middle school gymnasium there were two inflatable moon bounces, a scooter board obstacle course, bouncey ball fun, and hoola hoops set up for the students to get in touch with their inner child.
- "Field day was really fun. I got so hyped up on Monster Energy Drinks that it felt like I was going to die. I loved it," said Gregory Melton, junior.

# Day!

## **Behind the Adrenaline**

"Field day was really fun this year. Even though it was held inside everyone still had a good time. It was pretty cool that Student Council was able to get Monster Energy Drinks to sponsor this event."

Senior Corinne Janavich



"I really enjoyed the Monster Energy Drinks and the performance of 'Tomorrow Ends Today' at field day. It was nice to be able to hang out with my friends and say bye to everyone."

Senior Alan Estrada



Groups were seen all over the school talking, laughing, and just enjoying their last day hyped out on Monster.

Senior Mai Linn Hanslien, sophomore Samantha Trainor, sophomore Sydney Troy, sophomore Kathleen Randolph, senior Julian Zavala, and senior Steven Arlandson sit on the cafeteria floor while signing yearbook inserts.

**By: Stephanie Wright**

# Awards Night

## National Honor Society

Sarah Brown  
John Burton  
Joseph Campbell  
Jillian Conley  
Craig Curtis  
Felicia Fahey  
Vitalia Fregoso  
Eric Fulkerson  
Callie Guritz  
Daniel Hudspeth  
Corinne Janavich  
Holly Kampenga  
Nicole Kerner  
Jillian Kolb  
Jordan Kolb  
Jamie Moore  
Morgan Myers  
Brianna Patton  
Kristopher Proud  
Micah Raebel  
Melissa Roldan  
Brent Scamihorn  
Devon Southard  
Hannah Sparks  
Aaron Stoermann

## Academic Teams Awards



Holly Kampenga goes on stage to receive one of her many awards on Awards night Friday, June 6. At the end of the night, students had been awarded an amazing \$1,522,840 in scholarships, awards and grants.

## Northwest Hoosier Academic Conference

**First Team**  
John Burton  
Daniel Hudspeth  
**Honorable Mention**  
Craig Curtis  
**FFA Sashes**  
Chester Magiera  
Danielle Mullen  
Ryan Pruitt  
Jessica Witvoet

## Art Awards

**Jasper County Art League Scholarship**  
Rachel Uildriks  
**Jasper County Art League Sketchbook & Scholarship**  
Carmen Dragu

## Band Awards

**Senior Band Medals**  
Robert Erwin  
Felicia Fahey  
Bethany Ferguson  
Brittney Haley  
Michael Hunter  
Tara Jones

Justin Klassen  
Sara Little  
Samantha Maretich  
Courtne McLellan  
Candy Miller Wood  
Victoria Murray  
David Myers  
Katelyn Pajkos  
Brianna Patton  
Hannah Sparks  
Andrew Tillema  
Rachel Uildriks  
Anghela Viza Cumpa  
Shawna Watkins  
Jessica Witvoet  
**Senior Orchestra Medals:**  
Adam Betancourt  
Scott Conley

Heather Dulaney  
Taylor Scott  
Lindsay Seegers  
Kolor Guard Medals  
Andriana Garza  
Brittany Mann



Soon to be graduates sit and listen to the Awards Night call out, hoping to be one of the honored and lucky to make it on stage. Students were happy, excited, disappointed, and reminiscent by turns through the night.

## Alexa Murray Quill & Scroll Awards and Scholarships

**Kougar Pride**  
Samantha Hoak  
**The Spirit**  
Samantha Maretich  
**KV Letters for Journalism**  
Samantha Hoak  
Samantha Maretich  
Alexa Murray  
Morgan Myers  
Mercedes Nielsen  
Rachel Uildriks  
Detra Wood  
**Quill & Scroll Honor Cords**  
David Myers  
Laura Myers  
**Journalism Scholarship & Times Outstanding**  
**Journalism Award**  
Morgan Myers  
**Senior Leaders**  
Kelsey Allen  
Eric Alvarado  
Steven Arlandson  
Tonya Brockway  
Jennifer Bullard  
John Burton  
Joseph Campbell

Jillian Conley  
Jessica Dehning  
Felicia Fahey  
Joshua Fifeid  
James Guerrero  
Callie Guritz  
Lauren Hale  
Meredith Hammons  
Daniel Hudspeth  
Holly Kampenga  
Jillian Kolb  
John Lapota  
John Laski  
Nathan Leath  
Brooke Mathis  
Alexa Murray  
David Myers  
Brianna Patton  
Kristopher Proud  
Micah Raebel  
Thomas Ramsey  
Melissa Rolden  
Hannah Sparks  
Jonathan Torbitt  
Katrina VanderWoude  
Shawna Watkins  
Detra Wood  
**Student Council Four Year Member Recognition**  
Melissa Roldan

John Laski  
Jillian Kolb  
Jordan Kolb  
Holly Kampenga  
Jillian Conley  
Brianna Patton  
Jonathan Clifford  
Callie Guritz  
Johnny Torbitt  
Lauren Hale  
Katrina VanderWoude  
Daniel Hudspeth  
Micah Raebel  
Jessica Dehning

## Technology Awards

### Building Trades Certificates

Alex Paul Byers  
Chance Cedric Czarnecki  
Shawn Patrick Freckelton  
Devin Lee Jordan  
Jacob Allen Kaluf  
Christopher Charles Kittie  
Alec Ryan LaMotte  
Andrew Scott Mackall  
Rick Arthur Meyers  
David Thomas Mills  
Kevin James Nelms  
Thomas Andrew Ramsey  
Mark Shane Ress  
Matthew Patrick Simmons  
Shane William Sparger  
Garrett Sheldon Waugaman  
**Vocational Welding Certificates**  
Matthew Michael Antkowiak  
Joseph Christopher Barcelli  
Eric Ronald Clarke  
Patrick Joseph Cruickshank  
Daniel Sean Donohoe  
Robert Benjamin Erwin  
Alan Leroy Estrada  
Joshua Wayne Huhn  
Nathaniel Devin Kolp  
Andrew Scott Mackall  
Sean Gregory Monroe  
Ryan Michael James Pruitt  
Mark Shane Ress  
**Official Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Selection**  
Female-Jillian Marie Conley  
Male-Jacob Richard Watts

**Department of Air Force  
Math & Science**  
Micah E. Raebel  
**United States Marine Corps  
Scholastic Excellence Awards**

Jamie L. Moore  
Craig D. Curtis  
**Semper Fidelis Award**  
Shawna M. Watkins  
David G. Myers  
**Distinguished Athlete Award**  
Corinne M. Janavich  
Alex P. Byers

**Northwest Crossroads Conference  
Male/Female Athlete of the Year**  
Female-Corinne Janavich  
Male-Alex Byers

**Northwest Crossroads Conference  
Athlete Team of the Year**  
Joseph Campbell  
Corinne Janavich  
Nicole Kerner

Morgan Myers  
Micah Raebel  
Jonathan Torbitt  
Devon Southard  
**Super Senior Recognition**  
Aaron Stoermann  
Alisa Fraticelli  
Jillian Kolb

Daniel Hudspeth  
Jonathan Torbitt  
Vitalia Fregoso  
Melissa Roldan  
Morgan Myers  
Danielle Mullen  
Holly Kampenga  
Brianna Patton  
Jacob Watts  
Joseph Campbell  
John Burton  
David Myers  
Craig Curtis



Northwest Crossroads Conference Athlete Team of the Year award winners file up on the gymnasium stairs for a celebratory picture. After most of the large awards pictures were taken of the happy recipients.

Felicia Fahey  
Micah Raebel  
Sarah Brown  
Jillian Conley  
**Foreign Exchange Student  
Recognition**  
Norway - Senior  
Lise Marie Augdal  
Norway - Senior  
Mai Linn Hanslen  
Brazil - Senior  
Paulo Roberto Martins Jr  
Italy - Senior  
Giada Nicolai  
Germany - Junior  
Mareike Borchardt  
Germany - Junior  
Jonathan Ricken

**Indiana University Purdue University  
Indianapolis**  
**First Generation Scholarship**  
Adam Gregory Betancourt  
**IUPUI Academic Excellence  
Scholarship, IUPUI Plater Dis-  
tinguished Scholarship & Techno-  
logy Leadership Scholarship**  
Sarah Brown  
**Bepko Scholars and Fellows  
Scholarships**  
Joseph Samuel Campbell  
**Dean's of Faculties Scholarship &  
Sam H. Jones Scholarships**  
Jillian Marie Conley  
**Dean's Scholarship**  
Scott David Conley  
**Manchester College Presidential &  
Music Scholarship**  
Felicia Marie Fahey  
**Olivet Nazarene University**  
Ryan Boezeman  
Dale James Crawley  
**Purdue University North Central  
Freshmen**  
**Distinguished Scholarship**  
Adriana Garza  
**Andrus University Partnership  
Scholarship**  
Jamie Lynn Moore  
**Butler University**  
Jillian Alyssa Kolb  
Brianna Renee Patton  
**Calumet College of St. Joseph**  
Gary Mathew Ison  
Anthony Alan Johnson  
**Purdue University West Lafayette**  
**Purdue Presidential Scholarship**

**& Ella Bales Scholarship**  
Holly May Kampenga  
**Trustee's Scholarship**  
Craig David Curtis  
**University of Indianapolis**  
**Dean's Scholarship**  
Nicole Kerner  
Corinne Janavich  
**U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar  
Academic Recognition Award**  
Mitchell Sytsma  
**Valparaiso University**  
**Presidential Scholarship**  
Sara Little  
**Achievement Scholarship**  
Jasmine Glab  
Alicia Penninga  
**Baylor University**  
Devon Marie Southard  
**Grace College**  
Josiah Christopher Schaefer  
**Indiana State University**  
**Laptop Award/Scholarship**  
Shawna Marie Watkins  
**Marian College**  
David Andrew Walstra  
**Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech-  
nology Merit Scholarship**  
Eric Fulkerson  
Aaron Stoermann  
**Saint Joseph's College**  
**Presidential Scholarship**  
Morgan Myers  
**Saint Joseph's College Honor's  
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Scholarship**  
Nicole Henning  
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arship**  
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Adult Athletic Booster  
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Jacob Watts  
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Jillian Marie Conley



As David Walstra receives his scholarship from Marian College, handed by Ms. Mary Lunde, he shakes her hand happily. Counselors Ms. Lunde, Mrs. Melissa Richie, and Mrs. Sandra Schenher handed out the different college awards.

# Awards

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Holly Kampenga

Devon Southard

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Craig Curtis

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Shawna Watkins and David Myers smile together after receiving their Semper Fidelis Awards from the United States Marine Corps Sgt. 1st Class Jensen. The Latin words Semper Fidelis means "Always Faithful."

## Scholarships

Sarah Brown

Craig Curtis

Holly Kampenga

David Myers

Bianna Patton

Derek VanderMolen

Wilbert Hamstra Scholarship

Derek VanderMolen

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Holly May Kampenga

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Devon Southard

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Holly Kampenga

Jillian Conley

Joshua Fifield

Jennifer Bullard

Tara Jones

## Grace Pampel Education Scholarship

Jillian Conley

Vitalia Fregoso

## Lilly Endowment Community

Scholarship

Micah Raebel

## Lilly Endowment Community

Finalists

Craig Curtis

Jillian Conley

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Peggy Christina Boufis

Sarah Dawn Brown

Jessica Marie Bryson

Jennifer Hope Bullard

John Douglas Burton

Alexander Paul Byers

Joseph Samuel Campbell

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Jillian Marie Conley

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Samantha Marie Tinglof

Jonathan Phillip Torbett

Derek Scott VanderMolen

Katrina Nicole VanderWoude

Jacob Richard Watts

Jonathan Mark Yokovich

Jillian Zavala

## Valedictorian

Micah Earl Raebel

## Salutatorian

Craig David Curtis

## Top Ten Seniors

1. Micah Earl Raebel

2. Craig David Curtis

3. Jamie Lynn Moore

4. Holly May Kampenga



Receiving their awards from Saint Joseph's College of Rensselaer are John Laski, Zachary Adams, Hannah Sparks, and Morgan Myers. Myers won the Presidential scholarship, Sparks the Honors scholarship, and Adams and Laski each won a scholarship to the prestigious college.



# Night

5. Joseph Samuel Campbell
6. Devon Marie Southard
7. Jessica Lynn Dehning
8. Sarah Dawn Brown
9. Jillian Alyssa Kolb
10. Jordan Austin Kolb
- 40 and above**
11. John Douglas Burton
12. Brianna Renee Patton
13. Callie Ann Guritz
14. Nicole Marie Kerner
15. Hannah Nicole Sparks
16. Jonathan Phillip Torbitt
17. Felicia Marie Fahey
18. Corinne Michelle Janavich
19. Jillian Marie Conley
20. Morgan Autumn Myers
21. Julian Hernandez Zavala

## Core 40 Recipients

- Zachary Kyle Adams  
Danielle Marie Alcorn  
Kelsey Michelle Allen  
Eric William Alvarado  
Zachary Thomas Barker  
Megan Nichole Bishop  
Daniel Lee Blanton  
Ryan Keith Boezeman  
Tonya Ann Brockway  
Jordan Clyde Chops

- Jonathan Cody Clifford  
Brittany Erin Coffey  
Allie Denise Collins  
Amanda Christine Cooper  
Dale James Crawley  
Zachary Joseph Crostreet  
Chance Cedric Czarniecki  
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Vitalia Esmeralda Fregoso  
Jasmine Star Glab  
Kayla Marie Hale  
Brittney Nicole Haley  
Julie Marie Hamstra  
Nicole Whitney Henning  
Jose Roberto Herrera  
Krystal Nichol Higgerson  
Julia Marie Holm-Hansen  
Elizabeth A Hunt  
Michael Allen Hunter



Being awarded the Kankakee Valley Teachers Association Scholarship is Joshua Tillema. The award was presented by Ms. Karan Howard.

- Sarah Luz Jiron  
Anthony Alan Johnson  
Tara Lynne Jones  
Tasha Ann Jones  
Devin Lee Jordan  
Christian Leann Kittle  
Christopher Charles Kittle  
Michael Andrew Kochevar  
Nathaniel Devin Kolp  
Phillip Allen Laney  
John Thomas Lapota  
Lauren Christine Leegwater  
Sean Kevin Liston  
Cameron Scott Lovely  
Caitlyn May Luckey  
Chester Lee Magiera  
Brittany Leigh Mann  
Samantha Ann Maretich  
Heather Marie Marianowski  
Cornie Nicole McLellan  
Katherine Ann Mestrovich  
Candy Jean Miller Wood  
Corey Grey Molden  
Mercedez Marie Nielsen  
Amanda Nicole O'Neal  
Katelyn Taylor Pajkos

- Clayton Willaim Prairie  
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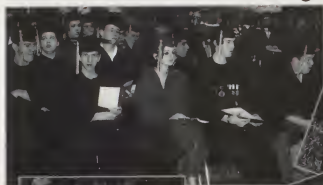
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Smiling at the camera is Jamie Moore. Moore received many accolades at Awards Night with the Scholastic Excellence Award, Andrews University Partnership Scholarship, Foreign Language Scholarship, and Academic Honors Diploma.

# Graduation

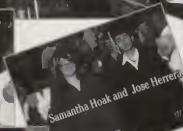
*"we are created with our own fingerprint to make our own unique mark on the world"*



Josiah Schaefer



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Samantha Hoak and Jose Herrera



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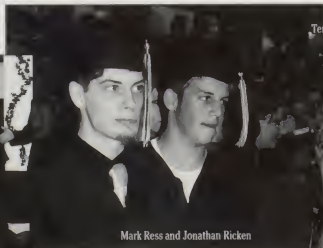
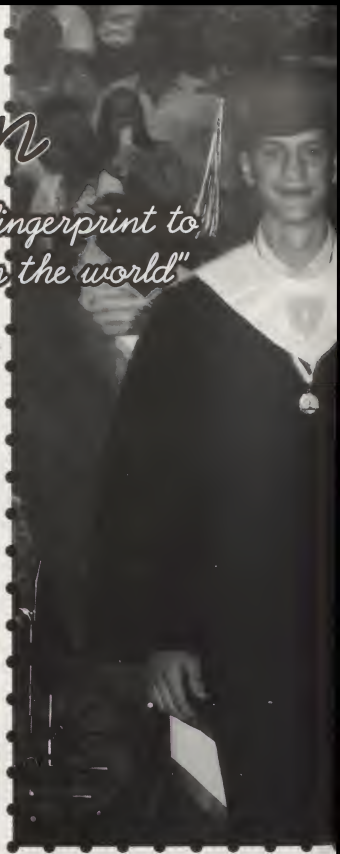
Micah Raebel and Craig Curtis



Jillian Kolb and Brianna Patton



Senior Newspaper and Yearbook Staffers



Mark Ress and Jonathan Ricken

Terah Slawnikowski, Stephanie Boissy, and Becky Enigenburg





With excitement, Aaron Stormann and Shane Sparger walk to the podium to receive their diplomas.

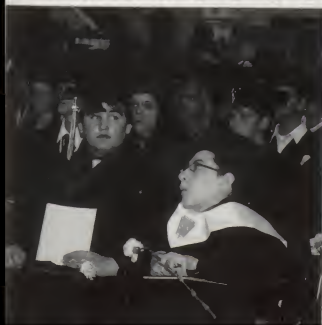
Mark Nikolaj was the first in his line to walk across the stage and receive his diploma from Superintendent Krueger.



All Smiles is Senior Heather Dulaney while she receives her diploma.



Detra Wood listens to Craig Curtis as he gives his Salutatorian speech.



Far left: Nathan Leath and Jonathan Burton listen to Micah Raebel, the class Valedictorian, as he gives his speech.

Felicia Fahey shakes School Board President John Spurgeon's hand while receiving her diploma. Students were also congratulated by Superintendent Krueger and Principal Phillip Apple before they left the stage.

By: Samantha Hoak

# Graduation

*Leaving the world of high school behind and entering into the world of adulthood*

**T**ears, laughter, excitement, and smiles filled the gymnasium on Sunday, June 8 as the 252 member senior class marched in and took their seats. The class motto was, "We are created with our own fingerprint to make our own unique mark on the world."

**A**n emotional musical performance of "This is the Moment" from class representatives Micah Raebel on piano and vocalist Nathan Leath was given in place of the class presidents speech. A standing ovation occurred as the boys returned to their seats.

**S**alutation Craig Curtis addressed the audience with his two page speech

extolling the value of each and every staff member who created a positive educational experience for the seniors from cafeteria ladies who fed the masses to Mr. Rick Cunningham and his staff who kept the school clean.

**N**ext Valedictorian Micah Raebel took the mic and utilized numerous quotes including one by Winston Churchill that were designed to encourage his classmates to live life to its fullest and try numerous activities instead of just existing.

**T**hirty members of the senior class joined Concert Band for their final performance of "Into the Storm". "Graduation" and "Another Bridge to Cross" were the final selections for senior members of

the choir.

**A**fter all diplomas were bestowed, students were ordered to turn their tassels by Principal Phillip Apple and were then granted full rights of graduation by Superintendent Glenn Krueger.

**J**unior class representatives handed out red and white carnations. As students exited the gym, they formed a greeting line in the main hall.

**G**uests and grads were greeted by the new high tech digital honor case designed and built by Tech Department Personnel Robert Heid and Matthew Bristol. "That's really neat," exclaimed Superintendent Krueger who saw the new display for the first time.



Christopher and Christina Kittle



Nathan Leath



Zachary Barker

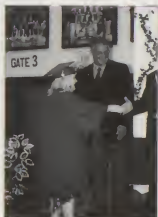
Micah Raebel





Performing "Graduation": "Another Bridge To Cross" by Strommen & Fitzpatrick, is the senior choir. Tears and smiles were shared as they performed for the last time all together.

Senior Samantha Maretich plays her clarinet for the final time with fellow senior Band members.



Memories flared as a special place was kept for Kayla Rose Sutton. Students were reminded of the always glowing smile on her face.

Lauren Witt walks across the stage to receive her diploma. She shook the hand of principal Phillip Apple and smiled brightly as she walked back to her seat.



Far left: Senior John Lapota is handed his copy of the senior class photograph.

Brittany Smejck And Nicole Henning pose for a picture as they are congratulated by their parents and friends.

*By: Samantha Hoak*



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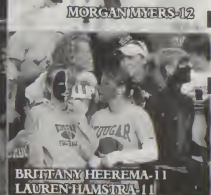


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# DONKEY B-BALL

Senior Scott Conley



"The funniest moment during Donkey Basketball was when Ryan Kikkert fell off his donkey onto his face," said senior Scott Conley.

Pulling on the reigns of his donkey, junior Ryan Kikkert looks quickly to find someone to toss the ball to so his team could make a basket. Students played against the Wheatfield Fire Department.

For the halftime entertainment, cheerleaders played music like the "Macarena" to encourage students and children to gather on the gym floor and join in with the fun. Cheerleaders also played many fun songs like the "Electric Slide" and the "Chicken Dance."

Student team: Morgan Myers, Scott Conley, Kelsey Allen, Detra Wood, Jillian Conley, David Walstra, Michael Hunter, Ryan Kikkert, Ryan Boezeman and Julie Dykstra.

By: Alexa Murray





## Bucking donkeys, a gym full of laughter, and students VS. coaches make for an exciting night!

●On November 1 KV Adult Athletic Boosters had their annual, and unusual, game of Donkey Basketball.

●The stubborn donkeys were brought in by Tim Whitmer of the Buckeye Donkey Ball Company.

●Rules of the game were no fouls, no time-outs, no out-of-bounds, and the only one allowed to cheat was the referee, Tim Whitmer.

●In the first game students shut out the coaches and teachers 4-0.

●Baskets were made by senior Michael Hunter and junior Ryan Kikkert.


●Second game the Wheatfield Fire Department defeated the DeMotte Fire Department and went on to the championship game against the student athletes. In the end, the Wheatfield Fire Department came out on top 12-10.

●"During the games I loved watching everyone attempt to get on their donkeys; I couldn't stop laughing the entire time," said senior Kelsey Allen.



In mid air after getting bucked off his stubborn donkey, Coach Ryan Myers tries to break his fall before hitting the ground. Teachers and coaches did not score any points against the students.

Senior David Walstra checks out his opportunities before moving down the court to attempt to make a basket. At the buzzer, Walstra missed a half court shot.

 **Petra Wood**



### BEHIND THE REIGNS

"I've never had so much fun before. I really enjoyed playing in the game. It was a great moment during my senior year. I will definitely never forget it!"

Senior Petra Wood

**Julie Dykstra**



"Donkey Basketball was so fun, I hope everyone who has the chance to play does. Jillian Conley and I had a lot of fun on the donkey that bucked. It was also nice to have the cute little white one who just walked so we could score points. It made my senior year great!"

Senior Julie Dykstra

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## W

# EXP<sup>OS</sup>ED: Our School Discovered

In second semester, Officer Jason Wallace was implemented as another step in our security system. He enforced school rules and stepped in between fights when needed. Due to many acts of vandalism to the school, the corporation was forced to cut down on passes out of the classroom.

On the last day of school, students enjoyed field day, pizza parties, playing Guitar Hero, watching movies, and taking pictures with all of their friends. Field day was host to various inflatable activities that included two moon

bounces and a live school band. Free Monster energy drinks were offered to the students as well.

For Mr. William Darnell and Mrs.

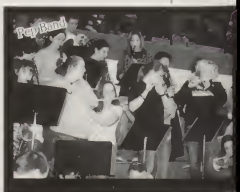
Gail Woolever, this was their last year teaching at KV. Darnell retired after 21 years of teaching and Woolever after having 34 years of teaching under her belt. Mr. Darnell taught different Choir courses. Mrs. Woolever taught Drawing 1. "I enjoyed the singers that gave their all to produce the high quality choirs I got to direct," said Darnell.



Seniors William Iverson and Corey Molden compete in the T.P. race during Homecoming week. Many students participated in school spirit activities.



During Prom, Mr. Philip Apple and his daughter Mrs. Hallie Chicki dance to the first slow song of the night. Students joined them on the floor where many laughs and moving feet began.



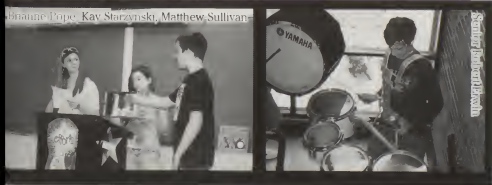


Sara Little, senior, paints her block on the senior wall. Seniors were allowed to pick a spot along the history hallway wall to paint with their own unique design.

Rachel Uildriks was the school newspaper cartoonist. Below is one of her many cartoons, the DnA, that featured one of her favorite characters to draw, an anthropomorphic wolf. DnA was the column cartoon seen in the newspaper.



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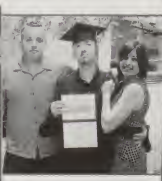


# Exposed Our School Reviewed

As the country struggled with political change regarding the war in Iraq and racial vs. sexism issues in politics, our school was challenged by security issues, dress code,

and ID requirements. This book was a dedication to our revolutionary ideas and identities from the very first touchdown on Fred Jones Field, to our very last good bye on June 8.

It was a year of change and becoming who we are. We've moved on to bigger and better things, but we'll always remember what shaped and focused our dreams.











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